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The party's over: Morgan Grenfell gives 450 the sack



Mr John Craven: More than two months' consideration.

By David Brewerton and Geoffrey Foster

The biggest shake-out in the City since Big Bang two years ago was confirmed yesterday when Morgan Grenfell, the bank, closed its trading operations in shares and gilt-edged securities.

About 450 people are to lose their jobs, after reading in the morning newspapers that the securities business was being axed.

Morgan Grenfell has spent £60 million in building up and supporting its market-making activities, but has decided that after losing £13 million on shares in the past five months it would shut up shop.

Also facing closure is the gilt-edged market-making operations, which have lost £4.5 million in the past 11 months.

The losses follow a price war among leading City securities houses started by the American-owned Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, which has left all of them facing losses in the past three months.

Morgan Grenfell is still working out redundancy terms for the staff involved. The decision to close the two key elements of Morgan Grenfell Securities took most of its dealers by surprise.

It was the morning after the Christmas party and only a few weeks after Mr John Craven, the group chief executive, had declared that the bank was strongly committed to building up its securities side despite the losses.

However, Mr Craven told *The Times* yesterday that the board had been considering the closure for more than two months. Many dealers heard of their fate through rumours in the press; some were told by colleagues on the train to work; some were rung by dealers from other firms.

As they stopped dealing, other market-makers started buying, sending the Morgan Grenfell share price up immediately by 12p. Rival dealers realized that 450 job losses meant a leaner, fitter Morgan Grenfell.

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To add to the outrage felt by staff, a number of people in the City had been approached to join the bank's dealing operations as recently as two weeks ago, with generous "golden hellos" on offer.

Morgan Grenfell is asking a few staff to stay to organize the clearing up operation and deal with clients and to form the nucleus of a small research-based operation. Mr Craven warned: "It is not in anyone's interest to resign, because that would immediately disqualify them for redundancy payments."

He promised that everyone who is made redundant will be told of the terms by letter within the next 48 hours.

He has lined up 40 "outplacement officers" to counsel staff. For the 450 who are out, redundancy terms have been costed at £10 million. Salaries of staff to go range from back-office workers earning less than £20,000 to senior executives earning up to £250,000. On-screen dealers earn in a range from £35,000 to £100,000, depending on bonuses.

Staff were "advised" to take one or two days off while their redundancy packages were being worked out. Mr Craven denied, however, that they had been locked out of the building.

But because of fears that a disgruntled member of staff could plant a "virus" in the computer, those who had been working on the information technology side were being accompanied by security personel when on the premises.

Full details of the closedown plans were available for all to see on the Stock Exchange Topic screens by 11 am, by which time press and television cameras were gathering in the street outside — and the bars were open. Drowning their sorrows in the Pavilion, the Scottish Pound and various drinking holes within a stone's throw of Finsbury Circus in the City of London, market-makers young and old were scathing in their criticism of the management's handling of the shock redundancy news. One younger equity dealer, faced the daunting task of telephoning his wife with the news of a surprise Christmas lump-sum, but the prospect of the dole queue in the New Year stated: "The management are gutless. Last year they sacked people the morning after the Christmas party and this year they let their loyal staff find out the worst by other means. I was told by a friend who works for a rival securities firm on the train this morning. I took it with a pinch of salt and laughed it off, but I feel livid now."

Almost to a man, the Morgan Grenfell men admitted that they were not told by the management until after they had read about it in the morning papers and after they

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Shipbuilders to close with 2,000 jobs lost

Retraining package to soften blow for workers

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government will announce today that North East Shipbuilders is to close with the loss of 2,000 jobs.

The closure of the Sunderland-based subsidiary of British Shipbuilders comes after months of uncertainty and a final attempt, launched three weeks ago, to find a purchaser.

Up to 4,000 jobs in associated industries are also at risk.

The Government is expected to soften the blow by announcing a package of measures to help the workers find alternative employment and reclaim the land made derelict. It will include help with relocation and retraining and be designed to mitigate the impact on the local economy.

The Treasury and the Department of the Environment held talks with the Department of Trade and Industry on the closure proposals as hopes of finding a buyer faded again during the past two weeks.

The closure, to be announced in the Commons today by Mr Tony Newton, the Minister for Trade and Industry, has been delayed several times.

When it was called off at the beginning of last month Labour MPs said it had been delayed to avoid embarrassing the Prime Minister during her visit to Poland, where she met Mr Lech Walesa, leader of Solidarity, the banned trade union, at the Gdansk shipyard.

However, the Government emphasized that it was still seeking information about possible buyers for the yard. On November 14 Mr Newton told the Commons that none of the previous four bids had proved acceptable, but, in a last-minute reprieve, he said that three further expressions of interest were to be explored in a "last effort".

Mr Newton, who was known to be reluctant to close the yard if an alternative could be found, has been anxious not to raise false hopes. He therefore set a deadline for the end of November.

One of the potential buyers represented overseas interests and another involved organizations and individuals brought together by Mr Bob Clay, Labour MP for Sunderland North. The extra time was also seen as valuable for prospective buyers to learn the outcome of negotiations between NESL and Mambisa, the Cuban state shipping company which was considering placing an order worth £120 million, but it has now been decided that none of the potential buyers are acceptable.

NESL was for sale as part of the Government's plan to return British Shipbuilders to private ownership.

The closure will be bitterly attacked today by the Opposition, the unions and the Wearside workforce. Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's trade and industry spokesman said the future of British shipbuilding was "too important to be sacrificed on the altar of privatization".

The bids are understood to have been ruled out because they either involve unacceptable conditions or too great a subsidy to be acceptable under the rules of the European Community. The state-owned shipbuilding sector has cost the taxpayer some £2 billion since 1979.

Shipbuilding on Wearside stretches back to the fourteenth-century and once employed 20,000 people. The people of Sunderland have fought a long campaign against closure, with posters in shop windows and a 100,000 name petition.

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Thatcher 'rebuke' for Currie

Mrs Margaret Thatcher delivered an implied rebuke to Mrs Edwina Currie, Under Secretary of State for Health, over her remarks on egg contamination, yesterday when she distanced herself from Mrs Currie's remarks.

The Prime Minister informed the Commons that she had enjoyed scrambled eggs, immediately after reading two reports by the chief medical officer. Page 22

IMF warning

Higher interest rates could have a serious effect on the economies of industrialized nations, despite higher growth forecasts, the International Monetary Fund said. Page 23

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Water cost 'to leap ahead of sell-off'

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Water charges are to rise by more than the rate of inflation next year and the 28 existing water companies are being advised to use a "one off" opportunity to maximize charges before privatization, according to a leaked letter obtained by the Labour party.

An independent consultant advising Labour on water privatization said charges would soar by up to 15 per cent above the rate of inflation.

Labour produced the letter from Ernst and Whinney, the chartered accountants representing the Water Companies' association, on the eve of the second reading of the Water Privatization Bill.

The letter also advises the companies "not to suggest that privatization as such makes these tariff increases necessary".

The scheme aims for the companies to maximize charges as it is likely that 1989 prices will serve as the basis for the charges the Government will regulate after

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The shepherd prince at play

JAMES GRAY



Prince Henry, right, taking a classmate in hand yesterday during rehearsals for the nativity play at Jane Mynors School, Notting Hill, London. The Prince, aged four, plays a shepherd.

Kinnock loses two key aides in terror revolt

By Philip Webster and Richard Ford

Mr Neil Kinnock faced an internal Labour Party revolt last night over his handling of the terrorism issue.

Two Labour frontbenchers resigned over Mr Kinnock's instructions to his MPs to abstain in the vote last night on the second reading of the Bill renewing anti-terrorist laws. About 40 MPs were expected to defy the order.

Miss Clare Short, a frontbench employment spokesman, resigned before the vote with a sharply-worded attack on Mr Kinnock's leadership.

In a letter, Miss Short said she was not willing to be "threatened or bullied" and appealed to Mr Kinnock to reconsider the way he managed the party. "Constant threats and denunciations simply reinforce the image of a divided and bickering party," she said.

Mr Kinnock, who earlier had what Miss Short called a "very friendly" meeting with her, denied her accusation, saying that neither she nor any MP had been bullied.

The other frontbencher to resign was Mr Andrew Bennett, the higher education spokesman, who said abstaining against the Bill would be taking the easy way out.

Another frontbencher was dissuaded from resigning after talks with Mr Kinnock. Mr Clive Soley, the party's housing spokesman, was reported last week to be also unhappy about the decision, although he had agreed to toe the line.

Earlier, the Prime Minister and Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, called on the Labour Party to return to a bipartisan stance

The Labour dispute arose over the Shadow Cabinet's instruction to MPs to abstain on the second reading of the Bill. In recent years, it has opposed the measure but its tactics this year are dictated by the Bill's provision to seize terrorist funds, which it supports. However, it remains opposed to the Bill's central powers of arrest and detention.

To accommodate Labour opposition to those powers, the Shadow Cabinet tabled an amendment for last night's debate emphasizing its opposition to the detention powers.

Mr Kinnock, in his letter to Mr Bennett, defended the strategy which he said enabled

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Labour to uphold civil rights while supporting the powers to confiscate terrorist funds.

Mr Kinnock said he could not agree that it was "the easy way out". He said: "I do not take easy ways and I would not recommend such a course to the shadow cabinet or the PLP on such fundamental issues as civil rights".

Mrs Margaret Thatcher said at Question Time that people would only believe that everyone was serious about fighting terrorism when Labour joined the Tories in voting for the prevention of terrorism Bill.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, moving the second reading of the Bill, said, "it would be a great strength to this country if we were able to proceed with general agreement".

He said those who opposed the provisions had not thought through the nature of terrorism, its techniques and the means which society needed to prevent the spilling of blood or dealing effectively with those who spilt it.

'Multi-million pound' claims to follow radiation reports

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Compensation claims on behalf of more than 70 cancer patients who received accidental overdoses of radiation at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital are being pursued in the wake of yesterday's publication of two official reports into the affair.

The cost of the claims is likely to total many millions of pounds.

A total of 207 patients received up to 25 per cent too much radiation between February and July this year. Seventy-eight of them have since died from their illness rather than from the effects, but almost 50 others are at high risk of serious or severe side effects, some of which could be life-threatening, according to findings in the reports.

The chairman of Exeter Health Authority, Mr Murray French, said yesterday the authority would "seek swift settlements and early interim payments where there is no dispute on liability".

Mr French said the payouts could run into millions and the authority was not insured. He said it was "willing and eager" to make interim payments to those "who can prove they have been damaged and that they have a need".

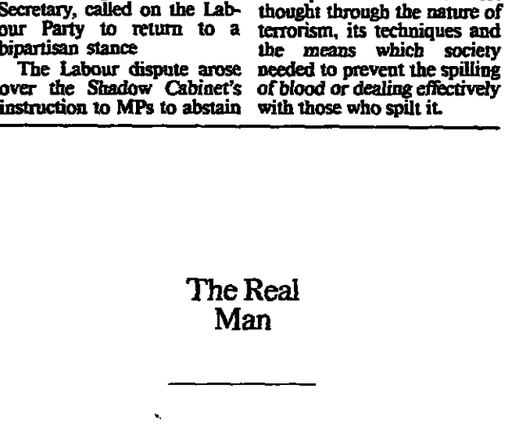
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That brought an angry reaction from a solicitor, Mr Chris Over, who is co-ordinating the claims of 76 patients. "These people have suffered enough without having to show financial need," he said. "Need is not a legal requirement for interim awards and any attempt to justify payments on the grounds of need will be strenuously resisted." Lawyers from 21 local legal firms are filing claims on behalf of patients. The two independent investigations established that the root cause was an error of calculation by a medical physicist responsible for determining the output of radiation from a machine. Mr Stuart Cook and his head of department, Dr Scott Bowring; were dismissed in July but are understood to be appealing that decision.

The two reports are strongly critical of medical and managerial staff at the hospital and contain 27 recommendations, accepted by the authority. One report was by Professor Charles Joslin head of radiology at Leeds University. The other was by a committee headed by Professor Sir Bryan Thwaites, the former chairman of Wessex Health Authority.

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A Manhattan cocktail featuring Gorbymania



From Charles Bremner
New York

Manhattan last night braced itself for traffic havoc as President Gorbachov flew in for a working trip that has assumed the trappings of a royal progress and raised anxiety among American officials that they may be about to be outmanoeuvred by the Kremlin leader.

Expectations could hardly have been raised higher for such a hastily arranged trip, which Mr Gorbachov is making ostensibly to address the United Nations and to say goodbye to President Reagan.

While the White House nervously awaited the much-heralded surprise that Mr Gorbachov is expected to unveil today, New York's raucous local press gave in to a bout of "Gorbymania" and joyous speculation about the chances of a new tiff between the "feuding first ladies".

Mrs Raisa Gorbachov is due to attend a lunch along with Mrs Nancy Reagan today at the home of Señora Marcela Pérez de Cuéllar, the wife of the UN Secretary-General. Since the last frosty sessions in Washington and Moscow, Mrs Reagan has gone public with her obvious lack of affection for Mrs Gorbachov, telling the *Los Angeles Times* six weeks ago that she found her very rude.

To the dismay of the American security team and the chief of the 7,000 police officers detached for the visit, the Russians have still revealed no full itinerary for the three-day stay. The police are dreading the possibility that a whim could send the 45-car "Gorbocade" careering down Manhattan canyons, sending the island into a condition of "terminal gridlock". He is expected to make stops at such traditional tourist sites as the Metropolitan Museum, Central Park and the World Trade Centre.

While Mr Reagan is apparently happy to see his "friendly opponent" for a fifth and final get-together, Mr Bush is quietly simmering over what his team sees as an attempt by Mr Gorbachov to take his measure before he assumes power. Dr Henry Kissinger has been publicly urging Mr Bush to tell Mr Gorbachov he will accept no summit meetings unless he reveals his ideas in advance. "It's a terrible procedure to have a head of

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Haughey hope on terror trials

Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, again emphasized his hope yesterday that the British Government would allow suspected IRA terrorists to be brought to trial in courts in the Republic for offences committed in Britain.

He told Irish MPs during a debate on the renewal of safeguards on the extradition arrangements with Britain that "extradition is not the only means available for dealing with fugitive offenders". It is the second time in two days that Mr Haughey has urged the Government to make greater use of Irish extra-territorial legislation which would allow IRA suspects to be charged and prosecuted in the Republic.

Mr Haughey also rejected British claims that extradition arrangements between the two countries are not working. He said that the safeguards objected to by Britain were not proving an obstacle to extradition in legitimate cases. Last night, the Dail was expected to put the safeguards on a permanent basis.

Cheap Christmas calls

Telephone calls throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland will be charged at a low rate all day for four days from Christmas Eve and for three days from New Year's Eve. But for Scottish callers, the rate will apply from the evening of December 22 until the morning of January 4. The rates will also apply to most international calls.

Collieries seek review

Miners at two South Wales pits yesterday voted to use British Coal's new review procedure to appeal against their closure. The men at Marine colliery in Ebbw Vale, Gwent, and Cynheidre colliery, near Ammanford, Dyfed, will be the first miners in South Wales to use the review. At Marine the men voted by 360-204 to fight closure while at Cynheidre the voting was 373-185 to go to appeal. Both lodges claim there are sufficient reserves for the pits to be viable provided there is fresh investment. British Coal says heavy losses caused by geological difficulties cannot continue.

Student guild dispute

Conservative students at Exeter University were suspended last night by the Labour-controlled students' union, the Guild of Students, after claims that they were compiling dossiers on members of the guild executive. Miss Amanda Barr, of Exeter University Conservative Assocation, said: "We have not compiled any dossiers, nor do we intend to. The accusations may be linked with the activities of other organizations which are quite separate from the Conservative association." The guild council was meeting last night to set up a tribunal to investigate the claims.

New car sales record

New car sales in the UK have broken all annual records with still a month of the year to run. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said a record November sent total 1988 sales through the two million mark. December's figures should push the full-year total past 2.2 million. The newly-launched Vauxhall Cavalier again had a good month, pushing the Ford Fiesta out of the top three in the best sellers' list. But British cars generally did less well – with imported cars taking a 57.52 per cent share of the market compared with a 52.76 per cent share in November 1987.

Carol case is closed

Police said yesterday they would not be seeking anyone else in connection with the murder of the schoolgirl, Carol Baldwin. A girl aged 13 was last week acquitted of the murder after a 12-day trial at Northampton Crown Court. Carol, aged 13, was stabbed to death in a park close to her home in Northampton, last March.

Rifkind launches drive for Scots jobs

By Nicholas Wood and Kerry Gill

Proposals aimed at banishing the spectre of high unemployment and making the Scottish economy one of the strongest in Europe were unveiled by Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Secretary of State for Scotland, yesterday.

Launching a White Paper, Mr Rifkind announced a shake-up of existing training and industrial support in the country, with a prescription of decentralization based on the ideas of Mr Bill Hughes, chairman of the Scottish CBI, aimed at meeting the European free-trade challenge of 1992 and tackling the serious skill shortages expected in the next decade.

A new body, Scottish Enterprise, with a budget of nearly £500 million a year, is to be set up. It will incorporate the Scottish Development Agency, which makes finance and sites available to firms, and the Training Agency, the Whitehall body responsible for programmes such as the Youth Training Scheme and Employment Training.

Mr Rifkind said the reorganization was perhaps the single most important government announcement on matters affecting the Scottish economy since the Conservatives came to power in 1979.

He said: "A radical feature of our proposals is in the creation of a comprehensive network of employer-led local agencies. . .they will allow local employers and others a much greater say in the delivery of services in their areas for training and enterprise creation. The opportunity is there to forge strong partnerships at local level and provide a powerful focus for effecting local change." He said that, while the delivery of training was being privatized, funding would remain the duty of the state for the foreseeable future.

On training, the changes closely parallel those announced for England and Wales by Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Employment. The difference is that Scotland will retain a government-funded development body, which led Mr Rifkind to describe his formula as a "Scottish solution to meet Scottish needs".

About 22 local agencies are to be set up to respond directly to local needs. Two thirds of their boards will be drawn from senior company management with the remaining places being filled, among others, by trade unionists, representatives of enterprise trusts and colleges.

The local agencies will have three-year contracts with Scottish Enterprise and their functions will include analysing the labour market, devising training and business schemes, business support, and encouraging local employers to bear an increasing share of the cost of training.

The White Paper envisages that Scottish Enterprise, ultimately responsible to the Secretary of State, will have a board of 10 members, of which at least six will have a business or industrial background. The essential changes will require legislation, which is not intended until the next session of Parliament beginning in the autumn of 1989. The proposals will now go out for public consultation, with a closing date for responses of March 31 next year.

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Mackay in first steps towards a 'family court'

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, yesterday announced key reforms to the handling of court cases involving children, effectively ushering in family courts.

His target is to remove the criminal stigma overshadowing court cases involving children, to speed up the hearings and to make sure they are dealt with by those steeped in family law.

Lord Mackay is adopting a cautious step-by-step approach to reforming family litigation which, he said, should satisfy those who have been campaigning for so long for the introduction of family courts.

He said: "The Government is determined that all litigation concerning the family should be arranged to ensure that the best results are achieved within the available resources".

When moving the second reading of the Children Bill in the Lords yesterday the Lord Chancellor said amendments will be tabled to the Bill to transfer applications for children to be taken into care from the magistrates' to domestic courts. Changes will also be made to the legislation to give rights of appeal to the High Court in care and supervision cases to emphasize their civil nature.

When the Bill becomes law next year the new powers will only initially affect local authority care cases and adoption proceedings. But Lord Mackay promised that the powers will be wide enough eventually to cover all children's cases.

Lord Mackay said: "In reforming the law relating to children it also provides for the redesign of the court arrangements and procedures to meet the needs of children's cases.

"The major improvements which the Bill will achieve in the substantive law, procedure and jurisdiction take us a long way to achieving the general approach to all family litigation sought by those who have been calling for a family court", he added.

"The Government will not stop here however and the way forward is signalled by this Bill."

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Nurses lobby the Commons

HARRY KERR



Mrs Jan Hemmings, a midwife from Plymouth, with her daughter Zoe, six months, during the protest yesterday.

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

Hundreds of nurses lobbied MPs at the Houses of Parliament yesterday in an attempt to reopen talks on the nurses' grading dispute.

Members of the Confederation of Health Service Employees (Cohse), the National Union of Public Employees (Nupe), the Royal College of Midwives and the Health Visitors' Association called on MPs to press for arbitration

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) pulled out of the lobby last month after a week of deteriorating relations with the more militant nursing unions.

Mr Hector MacKenzie, general secretary of Cohse and chairman of the staff-side negotiating council, said the RCN gave no satisfactory reason for withdrawing. He said the RCN meeting yesterday with Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, gained nothing.

The protest came as health authorities began sifting out ill-founded or mistaken grading appeals among the 50,000 waiting to be heard. Mr Clarke said in a letter to the 14 regional chairmen on Monday that most appeals would either fail or be withdrawn.

The Prime Minister told the Commons she was delighted many nurses appeared to be leaving the more militant unions to join the RCN.

● Mr Duncan Nichol, general manager of the Mersey health region, will take over as chief executive of the NHS management board from Mr Len Peach, who is returning to IBM after three years.

Satellite ITV may 'mean chaos'

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

Independent television's plans to broadcast from space if it loses out in the Government's highest-bid-wins plan for franchises "will throw commerical television into chaos", Labour's broadcasting spokesman said last night.

However, Mr Robin Corbett, Labour MP for Birmingham, Erdington, said he understood why companies such as Thames and LWT were considering the option of satellite TV given the lunacy of "the price is right" proposals included in the broadcasting White Paper.

"This is going to throw commercial TV into chaos and the Government will get everything it is asking for. Sadly the viewer will lose out because it will restrict access for millions of people who can't afford subscription to watch some of their favourite programmes."

Mr Corbett's remarks came as Central Television, recognized by Downing Street as one of the most far-sighted independent television companies, disclosed it was also considering broadcasting from space if it loses its franchise.

Under government plans, independent television franchises will be awarded to applicants who submit the highest bid, after passing a programme "quality test".

Thames TV has already provisionally booked a transponder on the second 16-channel Astra satellite due to be launched in 1991..

● Sky Television is expected to have a sixth channel on the Astra satellite being launched from Kourou in French Guiana this Friday.

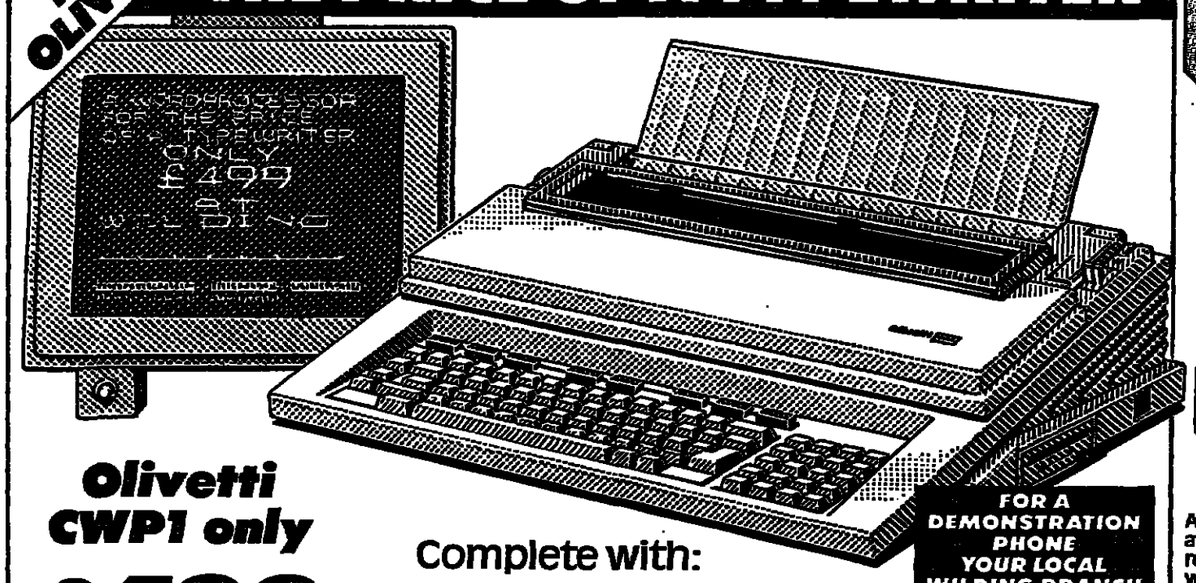
The new channel, due to be announced later this week, will probably carry arts programmes and classic films.

Mr Rupert Murdoch has already announced plans for five other Sky channels, which will be available via satellite in Britain on February 20.

Sky News, the round-the-clock satellite TV news service starting in February, will feature Selina Scott, the former BBC presenter, and Bob Friend, the corporation's United States correspondent, it was disclosed yesterday.

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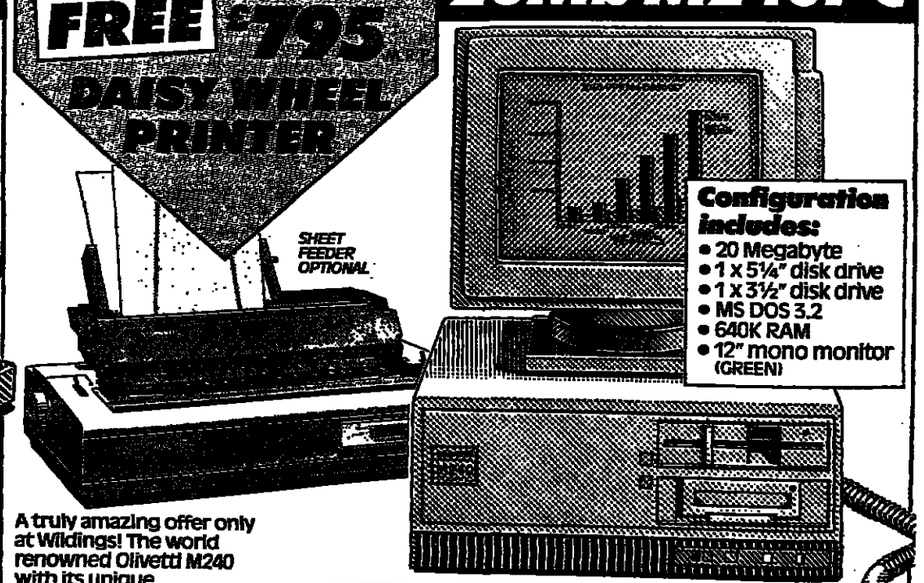
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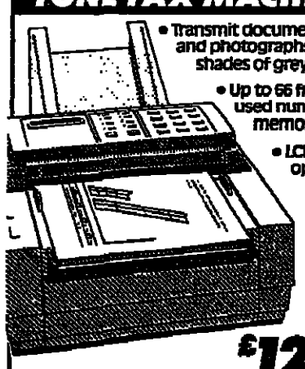


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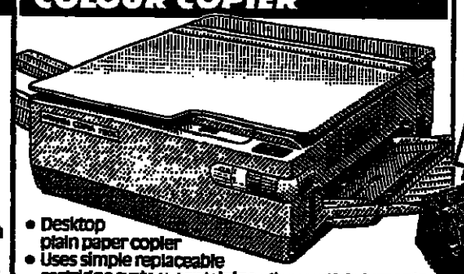
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One child in two believes divorce is only temporary

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The effects of divorce on children — a third of whom lose contact with one parent as an immediate result of separation — are highlighted in research published today.

It shows that children are given little information about their parents' divorces and that nearly half of them thought the separation was only temporary.

Five years after the divorce, one child in six still longed for parents to be reconciled, even when one or both had remarried.

The article by Miss Ann Mitchell, a former research associate at Edinburgh University, in *Family Law*, coincides with the launch today by solicitors and family counsellors of a scheme to help divorcing couples sort out disputes over money, property and children, out of court.

The scheme, to be run by the newly-formed Family Mediators' Association, offers a different approach to divorce settlements in this country. Couples will be able to go together to a specially-trained solicitor and counsellor who will provide a kind of "mediation" package of advice which can then be formalized without the need for lengthy courtroom disputes.

Instead of spouses going to different solicitors, which can create yet more acrimony and even drive couples further apart, the scheme enables them to sort out their problems with the same professional mediators. Miss Mitchell's research was conducted on the basis of interviews with some 50 children five years after their parents had been divorced.

Three quarters of the children were aged nine to 13 at the time of the separation and mostly were aged 16 to 18 at the time of the interviews.

Most children, she found, had been "deeply upset" by their parents' separation. "One boy told me: 'I felt sick and couldn't get it out of my mind that my father had left: I took a couple of years to get used to it.'"

She also found that all of the 11 custodial fathers interviewed had been shattered by

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the ending of their marriages. But the 60 custodial mothers had been twice as likely to have felt relief as distress.

Many of the children had accepted the eventual divorce as an inevitable consequence of the separation. But one in 10 had been shocked to hear about the divorce, which brought home the finality of the separation.

Among other findings are that only one third of the parents said they had given their children any reasons for the separation. One third said no explanation was needed as the reasons were obvious.

She concludes that children are "more distressed by their parents' separation than parents realize". Second, she said that most children would prefer to continue living with both their natural parents, whatever the domestic situation may be.

Third, if parents do split up, most children want to continue a loving relationship with both mother and father.

Mrs Lisa Parkinson, director of the new Family Mediators' Association, said: "Increasingly, couples are asking if they can both consult the same solicitor. Many of them fear being drawn further apart if they go to separate solicitors and there is great anxiety about the legal costs they may incur."

But a solicitor, at present, who seeks to provide impartial advice to both parties risks being in breach of professional rules on conflicts of interest, she said. This can be avoided if it is made clear that the lawyer acts as mediator, and not as a solicitor.

The scheme, which will have funding from the Nuffield Foundation, is based on a two-year pilot project that has been run in London by a group of six solicitors and counsellors.

It is now planned under the new association to expand the scheme to train a number of lawyers and other professionals so that mediation can be offered to couples outside London. Interest has been expressed in starting such centres in Plymouth, Cambridge, Liverpool and Sheffield.

Children's introduction to the dance

PETER TRIEVNOR



Mary Goodhew, a member of the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, dances with Sarah Severn, aged seven, Ganizka Martin, aged seven, and Suzanne Nash, aged nine, from St Mark's Primary School, north London, yesterday at the de Valois studios of the Royal Opera House. They were among pupils from 10 London schools presenting work created during the autumn term with the help of members of the ballet company. Dancers and musicians had visited the schools to introduce the children to all aspects of ballet.

Witness 'lied' in newsboy death case

A man who implicated one of the convicted killers of Carl Bridgewater, the newsboy, told the Court of Appeal in London yesterday that the evidence he had given nine years ago was a lie.

Mr Brian Sinton, aged 31, was reminded at the new appeal inquiry into the case that he had told Stafford Crown Court that Michael Hickey had actually admitted to him in prison that he had shot the boy, aged 13, at Yew Tree Farm.

Miss Anna Worrall, representing Michael Hickey, asked Mr Sinton: "Was that true, or was it a lie?"

Mr Sinton said: "It was a lie".

The confession came on the tenth day of the new appeal ordered by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, for cousins Michael and Vincent Hickey and James Robinson, all given life sentences in 1979 for murder and aggravated burglary.

Mr Sinton, who has since changed his surname to Barraclough and who gave an address in Longwood, West Yorkshire, was asked if he had told the truth at the murder trial at the outset of his evidence.

He then sat through almost two hours of screened and tape-recorded interviews of him in 1986 in which he had retracted what he said in 1979.

He was shown at a Central Television news conference and was heard confessing: "I lied. I have had guilty feelings ever since."

He alleged that he had been set up to do it by prison officers and the police.

He was reminded that he had said that he spoke to Michael Hickey in the shower block at Winson Green prison, Birmingham, when Hickey confessed to the 1978 murder.

Hickey "never admitted once that he killed Carl Bridgewater", Mr Sinton said.

He told Miss Worrall that he had not been bullied or put under any pressure in 1986.

The hearing continues today.

Mother 'blamed father for death'

A mother told police that her partner had murdered her daughter aged 16 months, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Christine Mason, aged 21, is alleged to have said: "This is all down to him — he murdered my baby."

Police Insp Mary Tucker said that she saw Miss Mason the day after the child, Doreen Mason, died of a brain haemorrhage. She said Miss Mason stated: "Aston. It is all down to him. He was hitting the baby on Thursday and she kept getting up and he kept hitting her back down.

"Oh, God, I have got to talk to someone — he kept hitting her. She kept falling on to a hard floor and then he was pushing and punching her against the wall. By Friday she was in a coma. I told him she was quiet and not herself."

Mason allegedly went on: "I knew something was wrong with her, but he said the baby was winding us up. I said don't be stupid. How can a baby wind us up? What did he know? This is down to him — he murdered my baby. I just had to tell someone and now I have, I feel better. He broke her leg, you know."

Miss Mason and Mr Aston, aged 23, of Doddington Grove, Walworth, south London, deny murdering the child on September 13 last year, and deny child cruelty.

Mr Aston is alleged to have told police that Miss Mason mistreated the baby. Det Constable Michael Croft told the court that Mr Aston said: "She kept picking on the baby, being rough with it and pulling it about. I do not think she likes the baby. She smacked her because she would not eat. She hits her for nothing sometimes."

The court was told that Aston denied causing any of the baby's bruises. The hearing continues today.

● A father murdered his baby daughter because he was jealous of the attention given her by his wife, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday. Kevin Browne, aged 26, became angry when the child cried or wanted her mother, Mrs Lisa Browne, aged 19. The child died on November 14 last year, aged seven months, from a brain haemorrhage after being violently shaken by her father, it is alleged. Mr Browne, of Kirkham Street, Plumstead, south-east London, pleads not guilty to murder.

The hearing continues today.

Breast surgery woman fails

Mrs Margaret Lee, who sued a plastic surgeon after cosmetic surgery to her breasts went wrong, won sympathy but no damages in the High Court yesterday.

She was "obsessed with a desire to have the shape of her body altered", Mr Justice Drake said. She had six operations to enlarge her breasts but they have been left scarred and as small as before.

In rejecting her claim for damages against Mr Thomas Cochrane, a Harley Street plastic surgeon, the judge said he had "considerable sympathy" for her. "She is dissatisfied with her body, although many women would envy her figure."

He believed she would have had the operation whatever the risks involved. "Unhappily everything that could go wrong with this type of surgery did go wrong."

She now sought to recover the £1,000 she paid Mr Cochrane for the operation in April 1982 to put right the "hard, uncomfortable and badly shaped" breasts left by cosmetic surgery in 1967.

She also wanted damages for the pain and suffering she had suffered. "Her mental anguish must have been considerable", the judge said. From an early date the 1982 operation was a failure.

In evidence Mrs Lee, of Beech Road, Westgate, Kent, said she had sought the operation because her breasts had gone a peculiar shape, turned "hard and blue" and the stitches were rotting. She said she was given a virtual guarantee of success by Mr Cochrane, the judge said. While he did not think she was a deliberately untruthful witness, Mr Cochrane was an impressive witness and he believed him when he said he warned her of the risks.

It had been accepted that Mr Cochrane had carried out the operation with skill. The only dispute was whether he had warned her of the risks.

"She may have persuaded herself that she has a cause of action against Mr Cochrane. It is one that does not exist and her claim fails", he said.

As she left court Mrs Lee said: "I am not lying. I will only talk further to the highest bidder."

Judge gives warning of dangers in secrets laws

By Michael Horsnell

The judge who presided over the first *Spycatcher* court hearing spoke out yesterday against the dangers of government legislation in civil laws governing confidentiality.

Mr Justice Scott said that judges should be left alone to develop and reflect what society needed.

Addressing a conference on confidentiality and breach of confidence organized by Essex University School of Law in Colchester, he said government interference would inhibit the development of civil law.

He made clear afterwards that he welcomed the *Spycatcher* litigation. He said: "It was important for the opportunity it afforded for a review of the law of confidential information and for the clarification of the law produced by the House of Lords judgements". It was the first time a judge involved in the *Spycatcher* litigation has spoken publicly about it.

Mr Justice Scott held in the Chancery Division of the High Court last year that the Attorney General was not entitled to injunctions against the *Observer* and the *Guardian* newspapers, which outlined allegations made by Mr Peter Wright, the author, because publication of the book overseas had already caused the damage which the injunctions sought to prevent.

He further held that *The Sunday Times* had been in breach of its duty of confidence when it published the first extract of its intended serialization. He also refused the Attorney General an injunction restraining future publication of information from security service members.

Yesterday he said: "The law in this area should never be driven into a cul-de-sac. The law of confidentiality must serve the interests of society as it is and not as it was. That requires flexibility and it is for that reason that legislative interference should be kept to a minimum."

Closures 'will cost life at sea'

By Mark Ellis

Britain's coastguards say lives will be lost at sea because of cuts that led to the closure yesterday of one of their busiest stations, covering 40 miles of coastline.

Hartland Point rescue station in north Devon was the first of three earmarked to close. The others, Moray, near Peterhead in north-east Scotland, and Ramsey, the only rescue centre on the Isle of Man, will be shut early next year.

Mr Tom Hoyes, assistant general secretary of the National Union of Civil and Public Servants, which represents Britain's 538 coastguards, said: "Mayday calls will be missed and it is inevitable there will be a situation when lives will be lost".

He said 12 staff from the 160-year-old Devon station were being transferred, some to Swansea in South Wales.

Captain Peter Harris, Britain's chief coastguard, said the union's claims were "extremely misleading".

He added: "I would never have recommended the closure if I thought it was going to worsen the situation for mariners".

The Department of Transport said: "There will be no dilution of cover and no detriment to safety. The reason for closing the three rescue centres is advances in technology."

Father gives bomb evidence

The father of Marie Wilson, who was one of 11 killed in the Remembrance Day bombing at Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, last year, gave evidence at an inquest into the deaths in Enniskillen yesterday.

Mr Gordon Wilson said that he had arrived at the cenotaph with his daughter just before 10.40am.

"I was standing with my back against the wall of the old school building. I just said good morning to some people I knew and asked Marie if she had a good view.

"I heard a loud explosion. I was blown forward and covered under rubble. My daughter was beside me holding my hand. We had a short conversation. After a short period, I was pulled from the rubble and conveyed to hospital by police car."

Mr Wilson said he was treated for a dislocated collar bone, bruising, grazing, cuts and shock. He was told then that his daughter had died as a result of her injuries. He said: "I would say it was a miracle that there were not more people killed".

The hearing was told that Miss Wilson, aged 20, a trainee nurse at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, had returned to her home to accompany her father to the service.

Mr James Rodgers, the coroner, described the IRA bombers as cruel cowards who had shown total disregard for human life. He said: "The sheer brutality of this heinous crime was both cowardly and indiscriminate in its nature. It sent shock waves not only through the local community but around the world. One is overtaken by a sense of outrage."

Mr Rodgers, the Armagh coroner, was standing in for Mr Rainey Hanna, the local coroner, who excused himself on the grounds that he knew all of those who died.

Earlier, the hearing was told that the Provisional IRA bomb contained between 10kg and 20kg of explosives and was probably home made.

Det Chief Insp John Allerton said the bomb went off inside an old school house. The bomb was big enough to blow out the gable wall of the reading rooms behind which it was placed and to bring it crashing down onto civilians on the pavement.

Pathologists' reports showed all the dead had suffered multiple injuries and crush asphyxia. The jury returned formal findings that all 11 died from multiple injuries inflicted by the bomb.

The dead were: William Mullan, aged 73; his wife, Nessie, aged 70; Weslie Armstrong, aged 63; his wife, Bertha, aged 53; Kit Johnston, aged 70; his wife, Jessie, aged 70; Miss Wilson; Edward Armstrong, aged 52, an RUC officer; Samuel Gault, aged 49; Mrs Georgina Quinton, aged 72; and John Megaw, aged 68.

Doctor guilty of misconduct

A doctor who refused to visit a boy aged three months who later died in hospital was yesterday found guilty of serious professional misconduct.

Dr Hemendra Pandya, aged 43, of Coventry, failed to visit Richard Wolstenholme, who was in his care because he was too busy, a disciplinary hearing was told. The child died eight days later of dehydration.

The professional conduct committee of the General Medical Council issued a severe warning to him after ruling he had "seriously disregarded his professional responsibilities", but decided he should be allowed to continue working as a GP.

Sir Henry Yellowlees, the committee chairman, told Dr Pandya that it accepted the case was an isolated failure.

Richard, of Stoke Aldermoor, Coventry, had been suffering from sickness and diarrhoea for weeks and had been visited at home by Dr Pandya, but on December 23, 1986, when the boy's condition deteriorated, Dr Pandya, a father of two, would only telephone a repeat prescription through to the nearest chemist.

Finally, on Christmas Eve, after another unsuccessful attempt to get Dr Pandya to visit, the baby's father took him to Walsgrave Hospital where he died on New Year's Day.

'Intelligent home' sets task for British firms

By Robert Matthews
Technology Correspondent

British consumer electronics companies will be told today that they are on the verge of one of the biggest boom markets in decades, triggered by the advent of the "intelligent home".

A number of UK electronics companies are already working on the development of the equipment needed for the automated home in which heating, lighting and electrical appliances are all controlled by a computer.

According to a report by the National Economic Development Office and RMDP, the consultancy company, to be discussed at a conference in London today, the market for a host of such domestic gadgetry is about to open.

"Home automation is going to provide one of the largest new markets ever for goods and services", the report says.

A British electronics company, Thorn EMI, is leading a group of European companies in a project designed to produce compatible standards to ensure that equipment bought from one manufacturer will operate with that of any other. The move is seen as crucial to the development of a large enough market to fight off the expected threat of imported technology from Japan, where the big electronics companies have already reached agreement on standards.

However, fears exist that there are too few engineers in the UK with the technical skills to install and repair the sophisticated equipment.

Mr David Gann, a researcher in building technology at the Science Policy Research Unit of Sussex University, will tell the conference that more attention must be paid to training engineers. "If the market really does grow, there will be problems. There already is a problem with 'intelligent offices'."

He is also concerned that the notoriously low-tech construction industry may not be able to cope with the demands of building homes containing the high-tech equipment. He said construction companies must collaborate with the electronics companies. Japanese construction companies were already arriving in force in the UK and had an enviable record.

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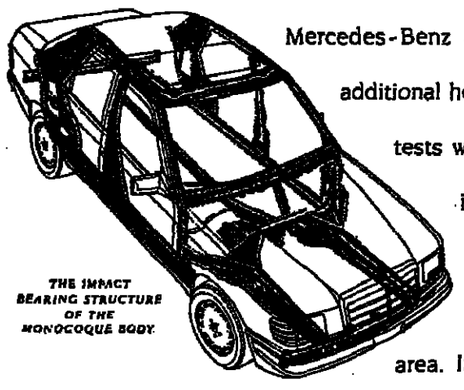
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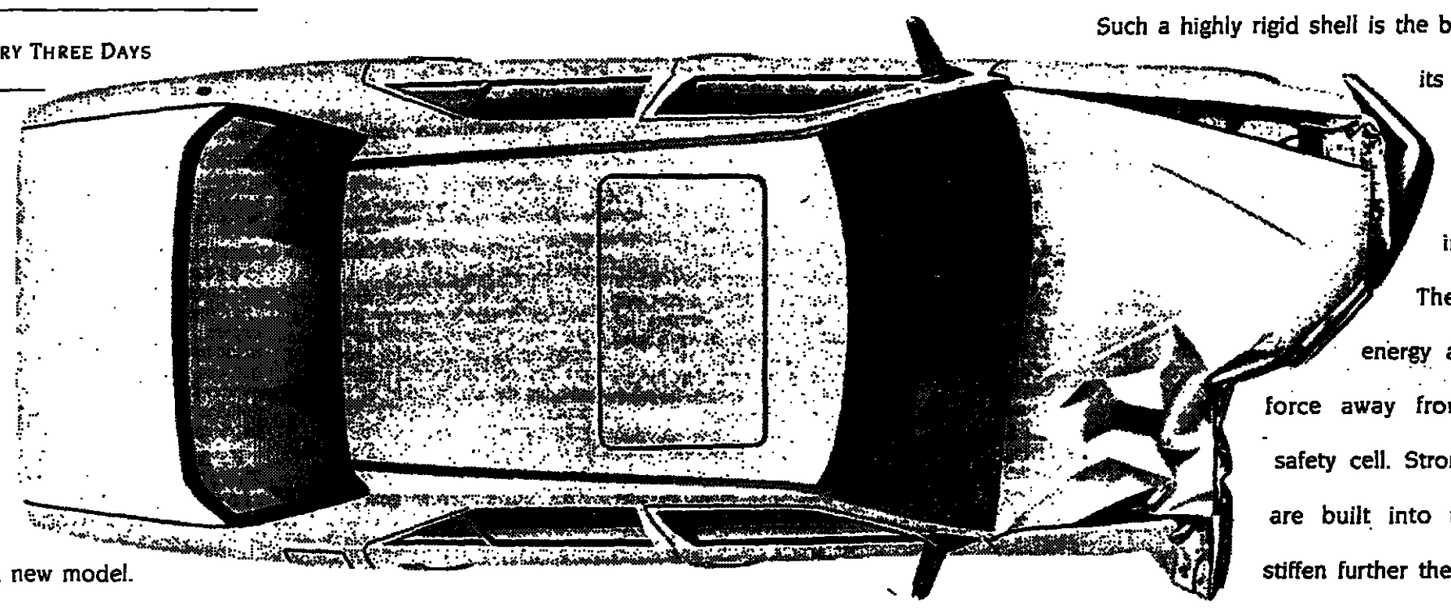


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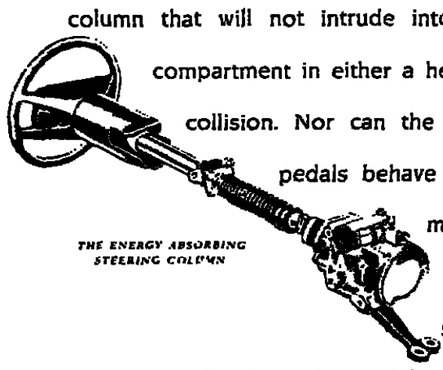
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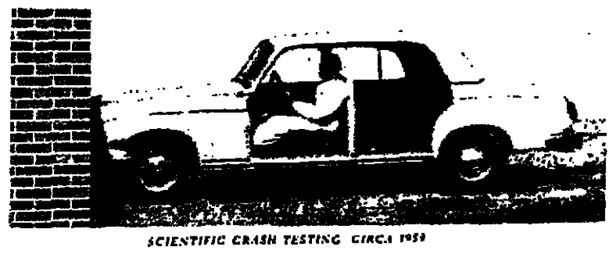


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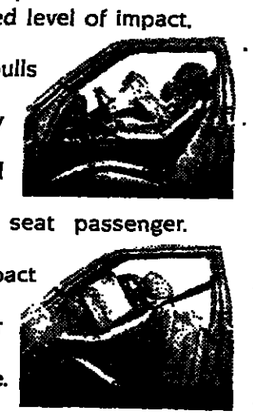
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Hinkley Point inquiry

Coal-fired station would cost less, admits board

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

The Central Electricity Generating Board has admitted that it would be cheaper to build a new coal-fired power station than the proposed nuclear plant at Hinkley Point in Somerset under the terms of a privatized electricity supply industry.

The admission comes in a special report prepared for the public inquiry into plans to build a £1.5 billion pressurized water reactor (PWR) at Hinkley Point.

In the past nuclear power station projects have been cushioned against competition by a calculation of the cost of electricity they produced using a 5 per cent return on capital investment.

The new report comparing coal and nuclear costs was requested by Mr Michael Barnes, QC, inspector to the inquiry. It says the Hinkley 'C' station would be more economic than a coal-fired station at the present 5 per cent rate of return, but it would be "clearly less economic" with an 8 per cent rate likely after privatization.

At a 10 per cent rate the economics of a new nuclear station would be "significantly adverse" against all the alternatives, the report says.

The report underlines the CEGB's main argument for Hinkley Point C, which is to meet the future level of fuel diversity, after privatization, set by the Government for about 20 per cent of electricity generation to be met by non-fossil fuels.

The Central Electricity Generating Board, which wants to build the PWR alongside two present nuclear stations at Hinkley, had earlier declined to give evidence on comparative costs between coal and nuclear stations.

The board said such evidence would be unhelpful to the inquiry.

However after numerous submissions from objectors at the inquiry, which is taking place at Cannington, near Bridgwater, Somerset, Mr Barnes asked it to submit a report.

The report was presented yesterday by Lord Silsoe, QC, for the board.

He said the report was presented without prejudice to the board's case. It was not needed for the Secretary of State to reach his decision.

Mr Frank Jenkin, the board's corporate director of strategic planning, said later that the economic advantages of coal over nuclear were marginal.

He emphasized the difficulties of economic forecasting and gave warning of considerable uncertainties over future price rises for coal and a possible movement away from fossil-fuelled generation because of international concern about the greenhouse effect.

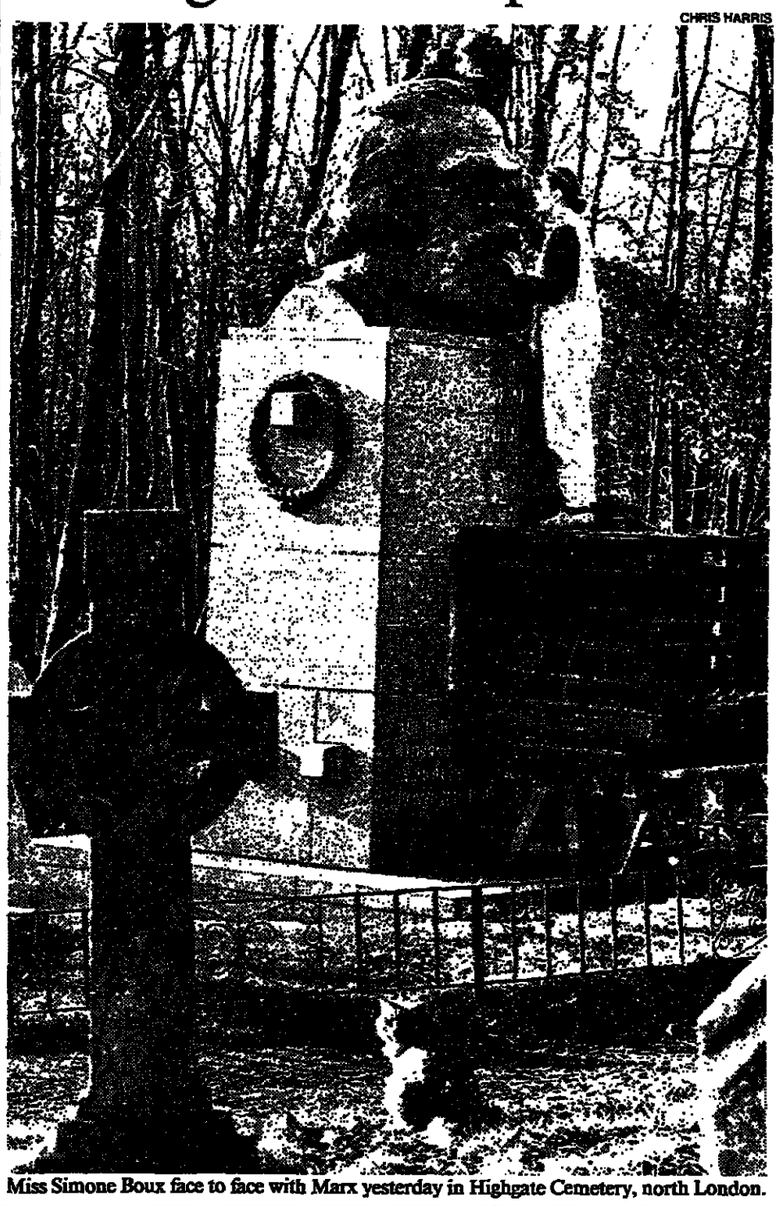
The new evidence, submitted in the form of a memorandum, says there is no single answer to how the economics of a new nuclear power station compare with a new coal-fired power station.

The economic merit of the proposed Hinkley Point C pressurized water reactor compared with the main alternative of a new coal station depends on uncertain factors including future coal prices and the value of the required rate of return on the capital investment, the board says.

There is no single rate of return that has remained unchanged over a long period, and fluctuations are likely to continue.

That confirms figures submitted in evidence to the select committee on energy this year. For a 10 per cent return, a new nuclear station is likely to be more expensive than coal-based options, unless coal prices are sustained at high levels.

Marx gets clean-up but not for Mr G


CHRIS HARRIS

Miss Simone Boux face to face with Marx yesterday in Highgate Cemetery, north London.

By Andrew Billen
Arts Correspondent

Television crews and press photographers descended on Highgate Cemetery yesterday morning in the mistaken belief that the Karl Marx memorial was being tidied up in readiness for inspection by President Gorbachov, who is visiting Britain next week.

Mr Christopher Clarke and Miss Simone Boux, restoration and conservation students from the City and Guilds of London Art School, were cleaning Marx's bushy head.

However, Mrs Jean Pateman, chairman of the Friends of Highgate Cemetery, said that no request had been received from the President to visit the resting place of his nation's ideological founder.

"When there was talk of Mr G coming last time, we had detectives from No 10 around there for a week. We would certainly know about it", she said.

Marx's tombstone, in fact, is only one of several that are being worked on by Mr Nick Durnan's students. It needs attention because of a recent attack by vandals, who covered parts of the head with paint.

Mr Durnan, who teaches the three-year course, said his students had found traces of past vandalism in the form of red, blue and white paint underneath. "In the end we found the only sure way of getting it all off was to use a scalpel", he said.

They had replaced the tombstone's fading bronzed lettering with £40 of gold leaf, so that yesterday the exhortation that ends the *Communist Manifesto*, translated in Highgate as "Workers of all lands unite", gleamed in the sun.

Urgent work is being undertaken on other tombs

The cemetery, which is owned and run by charity, is still in use as a burial ground.

Muslims protest at school decision

By Douglas Broom
Education Reporter

Islamic activists in Batley, West Yorkshire, last night threatened to lay siege to the local town hall in protest at a decision to refuse to allow a private Muslim girls school to join the state system.

Community leaders said that more than 1,000 people would join the protest outside Huddersfield Town Hall next Wednesday in an attempt to persuade Kirklees Borough Council not to ratify the decision of its education committee.

The council, which earlier this year settled another school dispute with racial overtones by allowing parents at Dewsbury to send children to the schools of their choice, has a strong commitment to racial equality.

At a private meeting two weeks ago the education committee decided to recommend the full council not to approve an application from the 127-pupil Zakaria Muslim Girls High School for voluntary aided status, similar to that enjoyed by Christian and Jewish schools within the state system.

The committee decided that the Zakaria, which is officially recognized as an independent school by the Department of Education and Science, was too small to join the state sector.

It also said giving the school voluntary aided status, which would entitle it to financial support from the council, would place undue strain on council funds when there were already adequate school places in the area.

The final decision on status will be made by Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science. Muslim leaders decided to approach Mr Baker directly if the council upheld the committee's decision.

Baker accused of science loophole

By Our Education Reporter

The Engineering Council yesterday accused Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, of creating a "loophole" in the national curriculum by insisting that some pupils should spend less time studying science than others.

The council's new director general, Mr Denis Filer, a former senior executive of ICI, said that plans to allow schools the choice of whether to devote 20 per cent or 12.5 per cent of their timetables to science teaching flew in the face of the national curriculum's underlying policy of "science for all".

The National Curriculum Council said on Monday that although it believed that science teaching should occupy 20 per cent of curriculum time it had bowed to pressure from Mr Baker to let schools opt for 12.5 per cent.

Mr Baker was in the audience at a conference in London on Science in the Sixth Form when Mr Filer suggested that the "shorter course" plan might be a way of getting round teacher shortages.

Devoting just 12.5 per cent of curriculum time was "not acceptable for the teaching of balanced science", Mr Filer said. The Engineering Council had campaigned for a 20 per cent time allocation because it believed the country needed "a broad and balanced science curriculum".

The minister also faced outspoken criticism from other speakers. Professor Dick West, of the Open University, asked why he wanted some pupils to get "a second class science education".

Mr Graham Hill, a deputy headmaster and chairman of the Association for Science Education, said that pupils who spent only 12.5 per cent of their time on science would not be able to cope with A levels.

Mr Baker, who has yet to make his formal response to the council, later issued a strong reply to his critics in a letter to Mr Jack Straw, Labour frontbench spokesman on education.

"There is no argument about the fact that the majority of pupils should be encouraged to take the full 20 per cent programme", Mr Baker said.

"But we must be prepared to allow some flexibility at this stage for a minority of pupils whose time would be better spent developing a special talent in, say, languages.

"We must safeguard against pupils taking the 12.5 per cent course as a soft option and cutting themselves off too early from the possibility of studying science beyond 16."

Mr Baker said the National Curriculum Council had endorsed his view that requiring all pupils to study science for 20 per cent of the timetable would be "too rigid". The suggestion that the 12.5 per cent option was meant to cope with teacher shortages was "without foundation".

Getty's medieval texts fetch £2.5m

SALEROOM
by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

The Getty Museum raised £2.5 million from the sale of eight important medieval manuscripts at Sotheby's, London, yesterday, a respectable total for what was a clear-out of excess stock, although not far above estimate.

The manuscripts had been bought by the museum in 1983 as part of the Ludwig Collection of 144 manuscripts, and were disposed of because they were unilluminated, and deemed outside the scope of the collection.

All four top lots were bought by a partnership of Quaritch, the London dealers, and HP Kraus, of New York.

They included, at £638,000, the Canones Conciliorum, a collection of texts on the law and history of the early Christian church written by a scribe from Ireland or Northumberland in the eighth century. It was probably the oldest European book to appear at auction for more than 50 years.

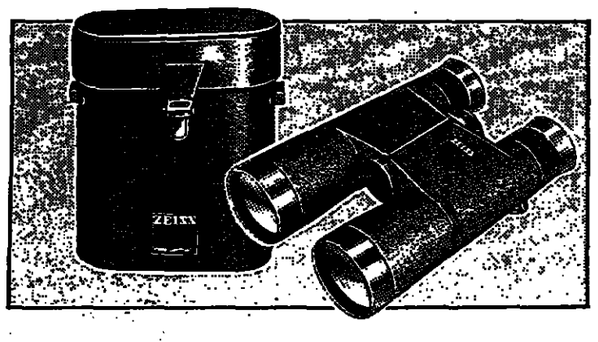
The entire corpus of scientific work on chronology and the nature and structure of the Earth by the great Anglo-Saxon polymath, Bede, fetched £616,000.

The highest price in the general sale was £220,000 (within estimate) for the Mississippi Codex. Written on papyrus in the third century, it includes the Book of Jonah in the Sahidic dialect of Coptic, and the first Epistle of St Peter. Amid continuing controversy about whether churches and cathedrals should sell their treasures, the diocese of Peterborough became £170,000 richer yesterday, when it sold an important terracotta bust by Michael Rysbrack at Christie's London.

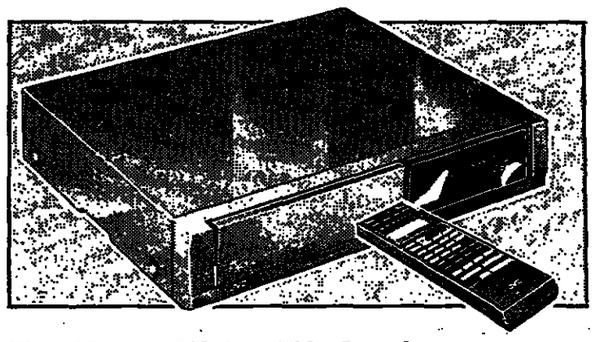
It was bought for stock by the London dealers, Hazlitt Gooden & Fox. The sale, which was the first of a working model by the artist, came about after permission was given by the Church Commissioners.

It is the model for the marble monument to John Palmer, Archdeacon of Northampton, which remains in the church of Ecton.

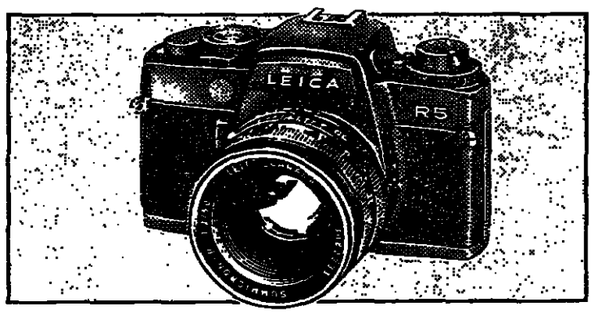
Two bronzes by Antonio Susini cast from a model by the sixteenth century Italian sculptor, Giambologna, fetched joint top price of £440,000. Both were bought by the same anonymous buyer. There were joint records of £42,900 for two busts by Joseph Nollekens.



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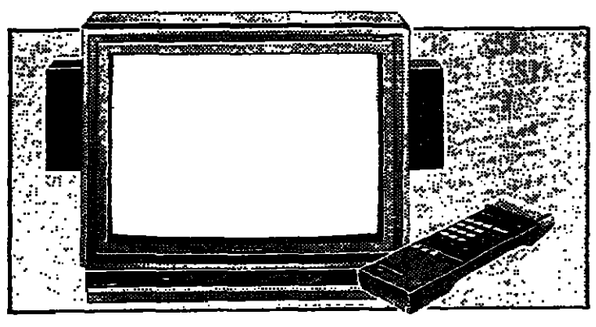
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Hospital's mistakes and miscalculations listed

Radiation error put lives of up to 10 patients in danger

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Mistakes and miscalculations by doctors and health officials compounded the mathematical blunder which caused more than 200 cancer patients to receive overdoses of radiation, according to investigations into the "unprecedented" accident at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital.

Reports of two independent investigations published yesterday said that severe radiation had endangered the lives of up to 10 patients while another 40 were at high risk of serious complications. A further 20 were at moderate risk of developing related side effects.

Seventy-eight of the patients have died since receiving the overdoses between February and July of this year. However, Professor Charles Joslin, of Leeds University, said in his report that they were all in the terminal stages of cancer and their deaths could not be attributed to the accident.

The other report by a committee chaired by Sir Bryan Thwaites, the former chairman of Wessex Health Authority, is strongly critical of medical and managerial staff involved in the affair and recommends 21 changes or improvements in hospital procedures.

Mr Murray French, the chairman of Exeter Health Authority, said yesterday all the recommendations had been accepted and changes made. He said the authority was now preparing to pay damages to victims of the accident and their relatives.

Lawyers representing 76 families, including 10 who have lost a relative, said yesterday they were seeking substantial interim damages.



Mr Stuart Cook: "At least careless, at worst negligent".

The incident began on February 12 when Mr Stuart Cook, a medical physicist, wrongly calculated the output of radiation from a radiotherapy machine at the hospital.

The machine had received a new piece of radioactive cobalt and the effect of Mr Cook's error was that all patients being treated on it received up to 25 per cent more radiation than intended. Towards the end of May, nursing staff began to suspect that some patients were not healing as rapidly as would normally be expected. But from then until mid July the caused remained undetected.

It was only discovered by chance when the hospital agreed to take part in a survey of radiation equipment organized by the Institute of Physical Sciences in Medicine. On July 12 the machine's output was measured for the purpose of the survey and the error of February 12 was identified.

Use of the machine was suspended the following day and a list of 205 patients was compiled. But through confusion and disagreement among consultants over who had actually received treatment a total of only 153 patients was reported to the hospital management.

A standard letter was sent on July 25 to surviving patients among this number, but the next of kin of dead patients were not contacted by the hospital.

Through a "precipitate and unwise" decision the regional health authority held a press conference on July 22 to give details of the accident.

"The chief consequence was that the first intimation that many patients had of their overdose was through the press or television. This caused much distress to patients and to bereaved relatives and has been expressed strongly in many of the letters received by the inquiry", the Thwaites report said.

Not until mid October was it realized that other patients in addition to the 153 on the list had received treatment. A fresh examination of appointments for radiotherapy showed 54 others were involved. Some of those were not contacted until the end of October.

Of this phase the report said: "The ensuing investigations threw up a highly unsatisfactory state of affairs. Given the potential danger to patients who had received an overdose the management should have satisfied itself more thoroughly as to the number of patients involved.

"It is regrettable that the need for any patient to be told of mistreatment appears not to have had a high priority in the minds of managers and clinicians", the report said.

It said that Mr Cook was "at least careless and at the worst negligent" in making the original error. His calculation was not checked by a senior physicist or the head of his department, contravening both an "unwritten policy" and standards dictated "by prudence or self defence".

When on July 4 Mr Cook rechecked his calculation he "incomprehensibly" failed to notice his error.

The Thwaites report said that the ideal reaction of the hospital to such an accident should have been "discreet, deliberate and above all speedy and in the best interests of the patients".

In his report Professor Joslin, a leading radiologist, said some of the patients faced late reactions which would occur months or years after their overdose. Ten were at very high risk of severe radiation damage "which might be life threatening in a few". Two patients in this category are known to have died.

He said 40 others were at high risk of suffering damage which would be severe in some cases but not expected to be life threatening. Two of these patients are also known to have died.

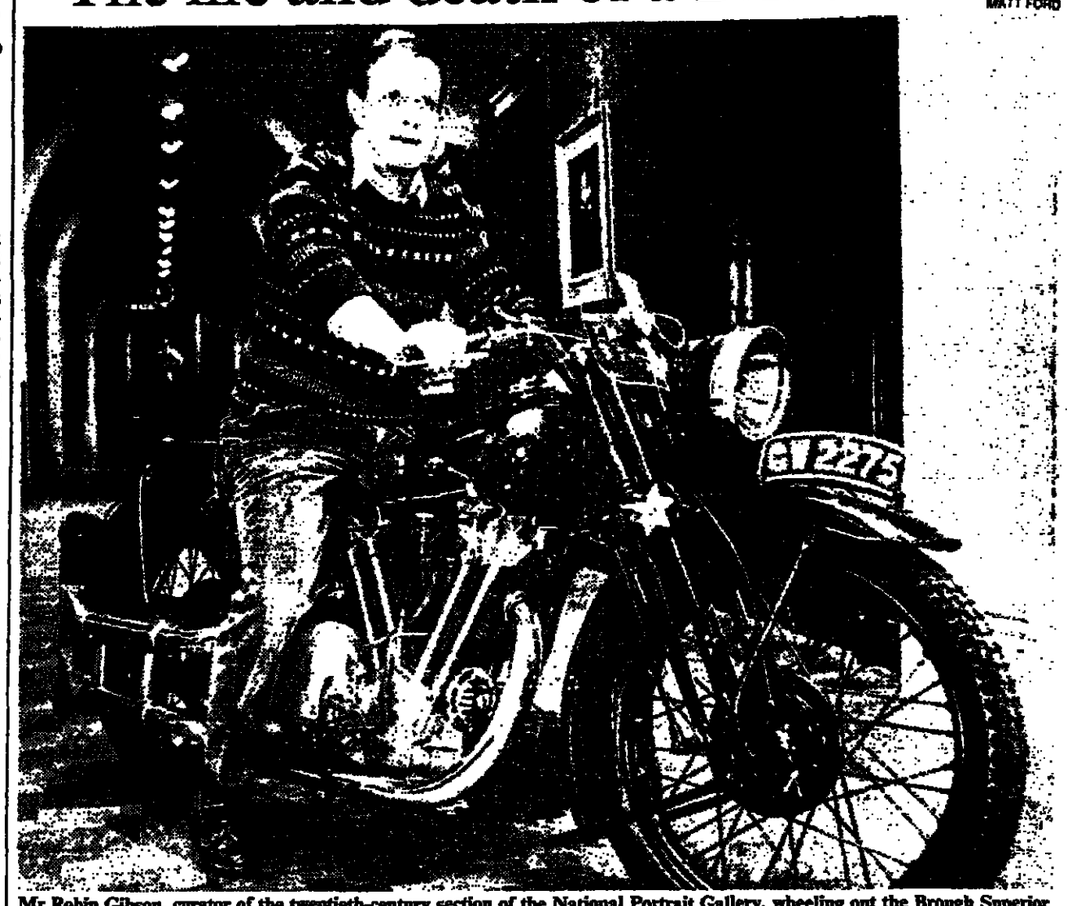
Of the total of 78 deaths, all patients had either locally advanced cancer, recurrent cancer or widespread disease and all but four had been receiving treatment essentially to lessen the severity of the cancer rather than cure it.

"The patients at highest risk will require careful and regular clinical assessment.

Mr Cook and his head of department, Dr C.S. Bowring, were dismissed by the health authority in July but are understood to be appealing.

The life and death of a British hero

MATT FORD



Mr Robin Gibson, curator of the twentieth-century section of the National Portrait Gallery, wheeling out the Brough Superior SS100 motor cycle on which T.E. Lawrence (inset) had his fatal accident in May 1935. The machine is part of a comprehensive exhibition of his life and achievements which opens at the gallery on Friday. This year is the centenary of Lawrence's birth.

'US empire' has ended, says Powell

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

Mr Enoch Powell last night said that changes in the Soviet Union meant there was no longer a rational explanation for the stationing of American troops in western Europe.

He said the collapse of the twin pillars of the American empire presented the states of Europe with the opportunity to create a new structure in which the future pattern of central Europe could develop without threatening disaster for the rest of the continent and the world.

Mr Powell, speaking six days before President Gorbachov arrives on an official visit in Britain, said developments had taken place which had changed the beliefs of many people in European countries.

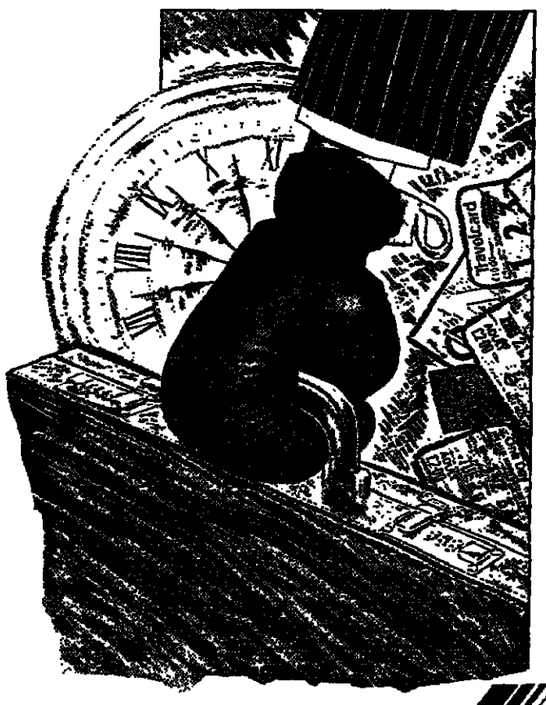
He told the Chester Business Club that the states of Europe knew that neither Russia nor America seriously believed in nuclear deterrence, after the signing of the INF agreement.

Mr Powell said the American empire had been based on the belief that the Soviet Union was bent on conquering western Europe. That had allowed British Treasury ministers to halve the proportion of the national income spent on the Armed Forces.

The collapse of the American empire had undermined the desirability of political and military unification in western Europe.

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Health care budgets for GPs

Crucial vote on pilot study

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

A pilot study to give family doctors budgets to buy hospital care for their patients could be in jeopardy if GPs fail to give it the go-ahead tomorrow.

The study, at a group practice in Talgarth, Powys, may pave the way for reform in the National Health Service if it gets off the ground.

However, there has been considerable opposition by some GPs in the area who see the scheme as a cost-cutting measure designed to restrict clinical freedom.

Powys local medical committee (LMC), which has 21 members and which represents all GPs in the area, will decide tomorrow whether to give approval to the first phase of the scheme – a feasibility study to assess costs and referral rates.

Although the four doctors who have volunteered would still be able to go ahead with the scheme, one of the GPs has already said that he would opt to withdraw if the LMC vetoed the plan. The British Medical Association's GP committee has backed the scheme but Dr Bryn John, its chairman, said yesterday that he could not advise the study to proceed without the LMC backing. "If we cannot get approval from GPs locally, what hope do we have for the rest of the country?."

The idea of letting GPs hold the purse strings for primary and hospital care has now emerged as the central plank in the Prime Minister's review of the health service and has firm backing from Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health.

Money would travel with the patient through the system and GPs would negotiate contracts with hospital doctors to treat their patients. Consultants attracting the most patients would attract the most money.

The Powys practice involves both the chairman and secretary of the local medical committee – Dr Derek Wilson and Dr Ben Harvey – giving it a greater chance of support tomorrow.

Dr John hopes that giving GPs budgets could result in allowing them greater access to diagnostic procedures such as X-rays and pathology tests. If GPs were able to refer patients directly for tests instead of through a consultant, time and expense could be saved, he said yesterday.

However, he argued that there would be more administrative work involved, some GPs would be better managers than others, and there could be restrictions on referral patterns.

Dr Harvey, who said that he would withdraw from the scheme if it was not approved tomorrow, was sceptical about how politicians would interpret the results. "Powys is a very different district from anywhere else in Wales or the United Kingdom. Ministers cannot say this is what happens in Powys so you have to do that everywhere else."

Thatcher to seek more inner city aid

By Our Public Administration Correspondent

The Prime Minister will later this week open a new area in what she considers a personal crusade to regenerate the inner cities by stimulating greater business involvement.

In what will be her first important speech on the inner cities for several months, she will tell the annual meeting of the Per Cent Club – a group of large firms that have committed half a per cent of pre-tax profits to community and charitable projects – that it is not enough for big business to answer the call of conscience.

Medium-size firms must get involved, too, she will say. She will appeal for such firms to follow the lead of the club.

The Per Cent Club itself is likely to be urged to expand to include smaller firms, along lines suggested recently by Sir Hector Laing, its joint chairman. He told a conference organized by Business in the Community last month that its membership of 170 companies should be increased to 500 within two years.

In addition Sir Hector said that corporate donations should be increased to 1 per cent of pre-tax profits and Mrs Thatcher may pick up that theme.

Business in the Community – an inner city charity of which Sir Hector is chairman – takes the line that the best way of getting businessmen to do more for charity and the community is to establish "role models", corporate leaders who, in the words of Mr Robert Davies, deputy chief executive of BiC, become "a potent symbol in mobilizing a sense of needing to be involved".

Juryman had prison record

A man with a string of convictions was removed from a jury panel at the Central Criminal Court only when his record was discovered by chance, it has emerged.

An investigation is under way into how the man was selected.

Anyone who has served a period of imprisonment, youth detention or who has been given a suspended sentence or community service order during the previous 10 years is disqualified.

The juror, aged 26 and from Essex, has a record for offences of dishonesty and his last conviction led to a six-month sentence for burglary. Mr Justice Turner discharged him from service. The man said that when he returned his jury summons he had given details of his convictions.

Churchill's threat of poison gas

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

A former head of British scientific intelligence has written about the day he helped to dissuade Winston Churchill from using poison gas against the Germans during the Second World War.

Professor Reginald Jones, who also served in the 1950s in the Cabinet Office's Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC), has disclosed that he was present at the War Cabinet's Crossbow committee on July 18, 1944.

Professor Jones, assistant director of intelligence at the beginning of the war, was responsible for monitoring "novel weapons" being considered by the Germans. In 1940 he had been "asked by MI6" to produce a report listing all the novel weapons "however far-fetched" that had come to the surface in intelligence files.

Professor Jones, writing in a journal called *Intelligence and National Security*, says: "The motive was primarily to ensure that whatever new weapons did in fact appear, Churchill could not afterwards reproach the intelligence services for not having warned him".

He "surprised" Churchill at the War Cabinet committee meeting in 1944 by telling him of his conclusions that the Germans must have built at least a thousand V2 rockets.

Professor Jones, now aged 77 and emeritus professor of Natural Philosophy at Aberdeen University writes: "Angry both with me and with the Germans, he mooted the proposal that we should attempt to deter them by threatening to use poison gas if they launched the rocket... None present supported him."

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Gorbachov steps into capitalist jungle's ills and thrills



Mayor Koch: An offer to dip the accused in hot oil.

From Charles Bremner
New York

For a three-day course in post-modern capitalism, President Gorbachov could not have come to New York at a better time.

If he looks beyond the seasonal trappings, like the premature Santas on Fifth Avenue and the dazzling Christmas tree in Rockefeller Centre, he might even think about reviving some of those old clichés about the inevitable collapse of the imperialist state. But he might also diagnose some ills that are all too familiar from home.

His reading will have told him that New York is a show that never stops, a city that has always teetered excitingly on the brink of chaos. And any Russian expects to find a heavy dose of squalor on the streets of Gotham. Since the local militia do not round up Manhattan's regiment of beggars before state visits, he can confirm everything they say about the losers in the capitalist jungle.

He might also learn about ingenuity, since begging is a competitive business here. In Moscow, there are no mendicants capable of such approaches as: "I am an alien who needs cash for spaceship fuel to return to my planet."

But the other end of the dialectic will be supplied by a glimpse of the masses getting and spending in the full blaze of the Christmas spirit. This is the glittering landscape that Mayor Edward Koch says he wanted to show the Kremlin leader, and "once he sees it, he won't want to go home again". That may not be the case, but 100,000 former Soviet citizens have decided to stay put in New York over the past decade or so.

The many who drive taxis delight in preaching the joys of life in a city where you can do almost anything. That was what Mr Donald Trump wanted to explain to Mr Gorbachov before nervous Soviet officials called off plans for a visit to the billionaire property developer's Fifth Avenue tower.

Perhaps they had just heard the news that Mr Trump has slipped from his rank as the top symbol of unbridled excess. His mantle was snatched last week by Mr Henry Kravis, the emperor of the take-over. Mr Kravis, aged 44, entered the record books by buying the RJR Nabisco food and tobacco company for $25 billion (£14.7 billion), almost doubling the highest previous take-over price.

But for a real education on the darker side of New York in the roaring 1980s, Mr Gorbachov might take a look at one or two moral dramas unfolding in the city. For example, if he turns on the television, he could watch this month's hottest live show — the cross examination of Miss Hedda Nussbaum.

The city, and much of America, has been mesmerized by the horrifying testimony of Miss Nussbaum, a children's book editor, in the trial of her common-law husband in a Manhattan court for the murder of their adopted daughter, aged six. Miss Nussbaum says she was held a virtual prisoner for a decade at their Greenwich Village flat by Mr Joel Steinberg, a drug-crazed, Svengali-like lawyer.

On Friday, Miss Nussbaum, deformed from constant beatings, described how her husband left the child to die on the floor while the couple smoked cocaine.

The harrowing account of Mr Steinberg's alleged actions was too much for the self-control of Mayor Koch, who proclaimed on Sunday that he would like to "dip him in hot oil". Everyone is making the point that the Steinberg affair is yet another symptom of a troubled society.

The case is all the more worrying for many because the characters are middle class, white and Jewish, rather than hailing from the no-man's land of the South Bronx and the other black-dominated districts where the exploding drug trade has pushed up the New York murder rate by 18 per cent this year.

Those districts have themselves produced a riveting new fable this month in the scandal of the school boards. Shortly after a Bronx headmaster was arrested in the act of buying "crack", the potent smokeable derivative of cocaine, the city authorities launched criminal proceedings against the entire district school administration on charges of corruption, theft and activities such as turning board sessions into drug parties.

The television cameras were out to watch police repossess a grand piano filched by one board member from a school. Prosecutors are now looking at two other boards, which are elected bodies, after newspapers reported members' involvement in sex orgies, corruption and mismanagement.

For many old-time lovers of New York, there is nothing wrong with the city itself. It is, they insist, just suffering from the ravages of the drug plague. Putting this view on Monday, Jimmy Breslin, a journalist, said that the Big Apple was entering insanity. "Everything wrong in the city these days is about drugs."

Others are looking for underlying causes that have much in common with the ones Mr Gorbachov is struggling against in Moscow — a loss of values and a prevailing climate of cynicism.

According to the writer, Tom Wolfe, a lover of New York despite his acid satires, the city's troubles stem from America's tremendous prosperity. "We have awarded ourselves the final freedom — freedom from religion and ordinary ethical standards," he said in a recent Harvard address.

Soviet envoy sees historic talks building Afghan peace

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

Mr Yuli Vorontsov, the Kremlin's main international troubleshooter, predicted yesterday that 1989 would be "the year of peace" during which all foreign troops would leave Afghanistan, saying that the newly instituted direct negotiations with the Mujahidin rebels would continue.

Mr Vorontsov, the Soviet Union's First Deputy Foreign Minister and new Ambassador in Kabul, was assessing weekend talks in Saudi Arabia at which a Soviet delegation met rebel representatives for the first time since the 1979 Soviet invasion.

No date has been set for the second round of talks, but they are expected to begin in Pakistan within the next 10 to 15 days.

Asked if the Soviet Union would resume its troop withdrawal to meet the deadline of February 15, 1989, agreed at Geneva, Mr Vorontsov refused to be specific.

But earlier, in a statement released through the official Saudi Press Agency, he was quoted as telling King Fahd that the Kremlin was committed to pulling out all its remaining troops, unofficially estimated at around 50,000 men, "by the agreed date or possibly earlier".

Moscow's willingness to attend the talks with a delegation representing the loose alliance of seven Muslim rebel groups was seen as a further discreet distancing from Kabul's communist Government, although its leader, President Najibullah, officially declared his backing for the meeting in the Saudi mountain resort of Taif.

A statement made by the rebel delegation at the Taif talks gave no sign of any breakthrough, but it, too, hinted at a mood of accommodation and the Mujahidin offered to let withdrawing Soviet troops pass unmolested if they did not attack guerrillas and left Afghanistan as promised by February 15.

The rebels also offered to release all Soviet prisoners in exchange for Mujahidin prisoners, and described the three rounds of talks as having been held in a "calm atmosphere".

Sources close to the talks said that the Afghan rebels had softened their objections to an international peace conference and had promised to study a Soviet proposal on the issue. Their precondition was that Islamic nations, such as Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, should be allowed to participate.

Western observers are amazed at the Kremlin's change of heart in suddenly agreeing to talks with the rebels, but point out that it will take much more flexibility by Moscow if a deal acceptable to the Mujahidin is to be hammered out within the next 10 weeks.

● HAVANA: President Castro of Cuba, speaking four days before the arrival of President Gorbachov, said superpower détente did not ensure peace and security for small Third World countries like Cuba (Reuter reports).

Speaking to an estimated half a million people in Revolution Square on Monday night, President Castro urged the Cuban people "never to lower their guard" against imperialism.

Argentine rebel colonel held

From Michael Llanos
Buenos Aires

The Argentine colonel who led the weekend mutiny of army officers was taken in custody to a military base yesterday, but the rebels remained defiant, saying they did not recognize the Army Chief of Staff and were taking orders from their "commanders" — Colonel Mohamed Ali Seineldín and a general who negotiated with the rebels.

The Army said Colonel Seineldín was taken yesterday morning from what had been the rebel's stronghold to a loyal Army base. It did not say, though, whether he was under arrest, stating only that he would be "placed at the disposal" of a military judge.

What was clear was that Colonel Seineldín and other rebels were not taking orders from the Army Chief of Staff, General Dante Caridi, but from General Isidro Caceres, who negotiated with the rebels on Sunday to avoid a possible clash between loyal troops and the mutinous officers.

Rebel sources said that under the accord reached with General Caceres, Colonel Seineldín would accept full responsibility for the mutiny and go before a military judge.

President Alfonsín yesterday acknowledged that a "dialogue" between the rebels and loyal forces had taken place, but insisted that the rebels' demands had been rejected outright. He had reaffirmed his support for General Caridi on Sunday, but did not publicly defend the Army chief yesterday. It is increasingly likely the general will be replaced before Christmas as the rebels demand.

The rebels yesterday expressed their defiance of General Caridi in various ways. Major Hugo Auvet, who led the occupation of the Army infantry base at Mercedes, 60 miles west of the capital, yesterday said he refused to take orders from General Caridi.

"When a commander fails to fight for the Army's dignity and honour, then he ceases to be a commander," he said.



Colonel Seineldín, right, hugging a fellow rebel officer at Villa Martelli base, Argentina.

Colonel Seineldín's transfer yesterday formalized what rebels termed the "cessation of operations" at what had been their stronghold, the Army munitions base at Villa Martelli, just outside the capital.

Army sources said most of the rebels were allowed to return to their original posts. It was not clear whether these men would be cleared, though Colonel Seineldín was said to have demanded that only he and a few other officers be held responsible for the mutiny, Argentina's third in less than two years.

The uprising marks the most serious military crisis experienced by Señor Alfonsín's Administration in five years of office. Army officers with similar demands mutinied during Easter week of 1987 and last January.

At the start of the latest mutiny political analysts expected the ruling Radical Party, behind in the presidential race set to conclude in May, to try to capitalize on the rebellion by urging the public to "defend democracy".

But as the mutiny developed, it was the opposition that made the most of the rebellion.

Opposition leaders were arguing that the public had lost confidence in the Government following statements by Señor Alfonsín and Vice-President Victor Martínez that the mutiny had ended, when in fact the men remained armed up to yesterday.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Soldiers injured in Baku clash

Moscow (AP) — Gangs yesterday wounded three soldiers and a medical student in the Azerbaijani capital, Baku, and a curfew was imposed on new regions of Armenia where a sharp rise in ethnic tension was reported.

Baku radio reported that in three districts of the city "extremists and criminal elements provoked disorders on massive scales and attempted to commit acts of looting and other illegal actions". In a report monitored by the BBC, the radio said soldiers on Monday fired warning shots to break up the gangs, adding that "three servicemen and a student of the Institute of Medicine were wounded".

The Armenian capital, Yerevan, was reported to be quiet, and the curfew that has been in effect for two weeks was reduced by two hours. But tension in the areas with a mixed Armenian-Azerbaijani population increased. "In regions of the republic the situation is extraordinarily dangerous. There have been deaths in the Kalinin, Masis and Gugark region," *Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya* reported yesterday.

Soviet olive branch

Tokyo — Moscow's ambassador to Japan, Mr Nikolai Soloviev, yesterday held out the possibility of some improvement in his country's strained relations with Japan when Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, visits Tokyo later this month (Joe Joseph writes). He said, diplomatically, that both nations had to respect each other's claims to disputed islands in the Sakhalin group and work instead to improve relations.

Australian anger

Sydney — The Australian Government has described as "totally unjustified" the decision by the Yugoslav Government to expel three diplomats in retaliation for the expulsion from Sydney of Yugoslav consular staff after a shooting incident (Christopher Morris writes). The Foreign Minister, Senator Gareth Evans, said: "The Australian Government will think long and hard when in due course application is made to reopen the Sydney consulate."

Ishaq Khan backed

Islamabad — Miss Benazir Bhutto, the Pakistani Prime Minister, yesterday reached agreement with her political rivals to support the nomination of Mr Ghulam Ishaq Khan, the acting President, in the December 12 election to replace the late President Zia for a five-year term (Hasan Akhtar writes). Miss Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party is to withdraw its candidate, the retired General Tikka Khan, the party secretary-general. There are eight candidates.

General dies in crash

Madrid (AP) — Major-General W. S. Harpe, aged 51, the commander of all US Air Force troops in the Mediterranean, was killed when his single-seat F16 fighter-bomber crashed during a routine training mission from Torrejón air base near Madrid, an Air Force spokesman said yesterday. An investigation is under way into the crash.

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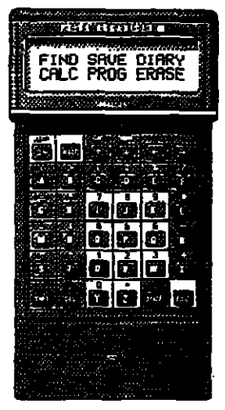
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Peres faces a fierce party battle over coalition with Likud

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The 1,300 members of the Israeli Labour Party's central committee meet in Tel Aviv tomorrow to vote on whether the party should try again to negotiate a place in a new coalition led by Likud.

It threatens to be a long and stormy meeting and it is far from being a foregone conclusion that it will automatically support the recommendation from Mr Shimon Peres, the party leader, to join a new unity government in the interests of the country.

Mr Peres left an hour-long meeting with President Herzog yesterday morning saying that he would try to overturn last week's vote by the 120-strong Labour Party bureau against forming a coalition with Likud. Mr Peres said he was confident he could carry the day before the much larger central committee.

However, President Herzog yesterday also called in Mr Uzi Baram, Labour's secretary-general, and was given a different answer.

Mr Baram has said ever since it became clear that the November 1 elections had ended in stalemate that Labour should go into opposition rather than tarnish its image by involvement in a coalition. After his meeting with the President he said that he would support a coalition with Likud but only if it were formed specifically to bring in electoral reform and to block all legislation proposed by the religious parties.

This is far more restrictive than anything suggested yet by Mr Peres although it has a wide measure of support in the Labour Party.

If Mr Peres wins a majority at tomorrow's meeting to re-open negotiations with Likud he will begin by insisting that promises already made to the religious parties must be shelved and that there should be a moratorium on any attempt to amend the law defining who is a Jew.

Mr Peres said yesterday that the promises made so far to the religious groups by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader, would cost hundreds of millions of dollars at a time when the defence budget was in urgent need of extra money.

The Ministry of Defence has just told the Government that it needs $4 billion (£2.1 billion) next year if it is to carry out the plan it has worked on for the past two years to convert the Army into a smaller but better equipped force. The budget would need to be slashed drastically if money had to be found for religious institutions.

This was one reason why the President called yet again for a unity government between Likud and Labour when he granted Mr Shamir another three weeks to try to form a government.

The negotiations so far were "shameful and dangerous" the President said. He reported "an avalanche" of appeals expressing "growing dismay" at the way the large parties were trying to buy the support of the small parties.

Mr Ehud Olmert, a Likud MP, said yesterday that his party faced enormous problems if it tried to settle irreconcilable differences with religious parties. Too many Likud members are prepared to vote against religious legislation for Mr Shamir to be able to give guarantees and he could split Likud if he tries to force the issue.

Mr Shamir is waiting until he knows the outcome of tomorrow's Labour meeting before pressing ahead with coalition negotiations.

Arafat's Stockholm welcome angers Israel

From Christopher Mosey
Stockholm

A surprise visit to Stockholm yesterday by Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, for talks with representatives of the American Jewish community aimed at furthering the Middle East peace process, has aroused fury in Israel.

Stockholm's Ambassador in Tel Aviv, Mr Mats Bergqvist, was summoned to the Foreign Ministry and informed of the Israeli Government's "dismay" over the Swedish initiative.

Mr Arafat was given the sort of red carpet reception usually reserved for visiting heads of state.

He was welcomed at the airport when he flew in from Cairo by the Foreign Minister, Mr Sten Andersson. He was housed at the Government's official residence for visiting dignatories and royalty, a snow-decked castle on the outskirts of Stockholm. The Swedish Prime Minister, Mr Ingvar Carlsson, cut short an official visit to Paris to fly back for talks with him.

The reception he was given invoked Israeli fears that Sweden might be on the verge of recognizing the recently-proclaimed Palestinian state.

But the Swedish Foreign Ministry emphasized that the main purpose of the visit was to allow Mr Arafat to meet the five-person US Jewish delegation on neutral ground.

It said there was no question as yet of Sweden recognizing any state which did not control its own territory.



Warm greeting in the snow for Mr Arafat from Sweden's Foreign Minister, Mr Sten Andersson.

Mr Arafat's visit was arranged in a series of clandestine meetings held over the past year between Swedish diplomats, PLO representatives and members of the International Centre for Peace in the Middle East, a little-known liberal-oriented Jewish organization working in both the United States and Israel. Sweden's ruling Social Democratic Party hailed it as a diplomatic triumph.

But doubts were cast by Jewish leaders as to its efficacy in aiding the cause of Middle Eastern peace. Mr Per Ahlmark, a leading light in Sweden's Jewish community and a former chairman of the Liberal Party, speaking on Swedish Radio poured scorn on the meeting, accusing Mr Andersson of superficiality.

He said Mr Arafat would be truly welcome in Sweden only when he renounced terrorism and recognized Israel's right to exist within secure borders.

The Jewish delegation is led by Mrs Rita Hauser, a lawyer who heads the US arm of the International Centre for Peace in the Middle East, is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations and is a close friend of Israel's Labour leader and former Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres.

Mr Andersson meanwhile appears to have modified his stance on the Palestinian issue considerably.

Only one week after condemning Israeli oppression in the occupied territories at a Stockholm rally to express solidarity with the Palestinian people, Mr Andersson made a speech at the weekend that was markedly more conciliatory, expressing the Swedish Government's unabated support for Israel. "Sweden has for 40 years supported Israel's right to exist and live in peace. That support will continue," he pledged.

Last night a bullet-proof, plexi-glass cage was being built over the grave of the assassinated Swedish Prime Minister, Olof Palme, in a churchyard in central Stockholm where Mr Arafat will lay a wreath today before flying to PLO headquarters in Tunis.

Greek refusal to extradite Arab fuels row in EEC

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Greece turned down an Italian request yesterday for the extradition of an Arab wanted for the 1982 bombing of the Rome synagogue because, it said, his actions were in the context of the Palestinian struggle for freedom. A boy aged two was killed in the grenade attack and 34 people were injured.

Abdel Osama al-Zomor, aged 27, identified by Western intelligence as a member of the Abu Nidal terrorist organization, was deported early yesterday. A Greek government spokesman said he had been allowed to go to "a country of his choice" but he refused to name it.

The Greek move adds a new twist to the raging controversy over the extradition of terrorist suspects that is expected to dominate discussions when the Trevi Group, Europe's counter-terrorism watchdog, meets at ministerial level in Athens tomorrow and on Friday.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, is expected to press Britain's European partners for concrete co-operation in anti-terrorist action in the wake of the Anglo-Belgian-Irish row over the extradition of Father Patrick Ryan, wanted in Britain on terrorism-linked charges.

The Belgians, although visibly miffed by Mrs Thatcher's attack in Rhodes, are proposing a European agreement to standardize extradition procedures. Diplomats said the European ministers will certainly seek explanations from the Greeks on their reasons for denying Italy's extradition request.

Mr Vasso Rotis, the Greek Justice Minister, caused a sensation among Western embassies here when he made public his decision which set aside two previous court rulings recommending Al-Zomor's extradition to Italy.

The decision identified a man, a Jordanian passport holder, as "Palestinian by nationality" which implied indirect recognition of Palestinian statehood. The minister told reporters: "The Palestinians now have or are about to have their own government and things are different from what they were three to four years ago since they formally renounced terrorism."

The minister's decision read: "The actions for which extradition is requested were in the context of the struggle to regain the independence of his homeland, constituting activity in favour of freedom and therefore not acts of terrorism."

The Greek decision coincided with intelligence reports that the Abu Nidal group and Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, General Command, may be planning a joint operation for the first time to take hostages and exchange them for detained terrorists. France, West Germany and Greece are known to have Arab terrorists in custody.

Al-Zomor was arrested at the Greek-Turkish border in 1982, one month after the Rome attack. He was driving a car loaded with 132 lb of explosives. After serving two-thirds of a 20-month prison sentence, the Greeks recommended his extradition to Italy.

Just as Italian police officers flew to Athens to escort him back to Rome, the Greek Justice Ministry rescinded the order, arguing that Al-Zomor would be put on trial for instigating a bomb attack against the Jordanian airline's Athens office, while he was in jail.

He was eventually acquitted of the charge, but promptly put on trial for keeping a knife in his prison cell. Sentenced to two years' imprisonment, he was to have been released later this week after serving two-thirds of his time.

The Al-Zomor case is bound to cause the US concern since it could set precedent for the extradition of Mohammed Rashid, aged 35, who is wanted for bomb attacks against passenger aircraft.

The Greek Supreme Court demanded last month all detailed evidence against Rashid before making up its mind on the extradition request. The final decision, however, still rests with the Minister of Justice.

Significantly, Mr Rashid's defence was that he was a Palestinian freedom fighter, and therefore not subject to the provisions of the Greek-US extradition treaty.

Beirut (AP) – Mr Dino Sciolli, the Swiss Ambassador to Lebanon, urged an estimated 200 remaining Swiss nationals to leave as four more Red Cross delegates flew out yesterday, bringing to eight the number of Swiss members of the relief group who have left Lebanon since the abduction Mr Peter Winkler, a colleague, on November 17.



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Aftermath of the Bangladesh cyclone

Stricken fishermen press for better storm protection

From Edward Gorman, Meherali Char, southern Bangledesh

The fishermen of this strip of sand on the edge of the Bay of Bengal greeted with a certain scepticism the arrival of Mr Muniruz Zanan, Secretary for Relief in President Ershad's Government.

After facing head-on what they claim was the worst cyclone in the country's history which they say swept 4,000 of their fellows to their deaths, they feel, perhaps rightly, it is time the Government took effective measures to prevent another calamity.

Mr Zanan, stepping down from the Air Force helicopter on to the bald sand where just a week ago 2,000 fishermen's huts stood in neat rows, did his best to reassure the bronzed and gnarled men that help was on its way.

He said a "so-called cyclone shelter" would be built. Provided the fishermen's co-operative came up with suitable proposals, credit facilities would be made available to help overcome the loss of thousands of pounds worth of fish, drying on wooden stakes when the cyclone struck.

There would also be provision, he said, of fresh drinking water brought down in barges from Khulna, 40 miles north of here. This would help the fishermen while salinity levels, in fresh water ponds engulfed by the tidal surge, slowly returned to normal.

More as a gesture of solidarity than of effective assistance, Mr Zanan was also able to present the fishermen of Meherali Char (Island) with boxes of dried dates, rice and biscuits. "Food is not needed," he said gesturing at fresh catches of fish sparkling in silvery rows on new drying frames. "They have already managed; they are looking after themselves."

But for men like Samin, aged 32, the articulate manager of the Saudi-Bangla Fish Export Company, this was clearly too little too late.

"The Government is just doing simple formalities," he explained in English, puffing on a filtered cigarette through a clenched fist. "These goods you see will be the last. We will get nothing more. We have very many problems and we need the shelters to save our fishermen from drowning."

Samin is from Pirojpur, about 60 miles to the north-east. He is one of 12,000 men who spend the four months of the winter fishing season on this remote island which rises only a few feet above sea level and consists almost entirely of dense mangrove swamp — the home of spotted deer and Royal Bengal tigers.

On the night of the storm he said most of the men, alerted by warnings on the radio, ran into the swamp. Many who drowned were out fishing at the time. "We collected many dead bodies and buried them by the shore-side," he explained. "Just before you arrived we found four more, but when we saw the helicopters, we decided to wait for our distinguished visitors and bury them later."

Samin agrees that even at the best of times, life on Meherali Char is precarious, but in one of the world's poorest countries, the lure of good money for exported dried *lataka* fish is hard to resist. "We know it is dangerous. But these men have no other source of income," he said.

The official death toll for the cyclone remains below 2,000 but officials in Dhaka yesterday spoke of at least 12,000 still missing in this area, the worst-hit extreme south-west of the country. A week after the storm, most of these must now be presumed dead. Forestry experts have also reported a heavy toll among wildlife in the storm, confirming the death of nine tigers in the swamps, an estimated 15,000 deer and a collective total of 2,000 wild boars, baboons and monkeys.

During the hour-long flight from the capital, we passed several sandpits and remote beaches on the edges of the swamp where bodies of fishermen, blackened and stiff, had been washed ashore.

Dhaka — Lord Glenarthur, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, last night ended a three-day official visit to Bangladesh by announcing a £200,000 grant to voluntary agencies to help combat the effects of cyclone damage (Edward Gorman writes).

The British Government has already provided around £25 million in cash, food and commodity aid for emergency relief projects this year after severe flooding in August and September inundated about 70 per cent of the country.

Tears end talking about Bakker affair



Miss Jessica Hahn in emotional mood in Phoenix, Arizona: "This is where it ends for me."

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

Miss Jessica Hahn, the former church secretary who soared to fame and riches after a sex scandal involving Mr Jim Bakker, head of the Praise The Lord television ministry, says she has talked enough about the affair.

"This is where it ends for me. I refuse to be a slave to this story any longer," she said in an emotional, rambling statement in Phoenix, Arizona, after the indictment of Mr Bakker and a former aide, Mr Richard Dortch.

The two are accused of conspiring to maintain their "lavish and extravagant lifestyles" by cheating investors out of millions of dollars in holiday partnerships at the ministry's Heritage Village USA resort.

Mr Bakker's troubles began in March, 1987, when he resigned from the ministry amid disclosures that he committed adultery with Miss Hahn and paid to silence her. Miss Hahn received $363,000 (about £195,000) in ministry money. She now contends that she was raped.

Miss Hahn, who now works as a disc jockey in Phoenix, said the indictments vindicated her account of what went on in the ministry, where cash donations were handled under the precept of "a dollar for God and a dollar for those doing the counting".

She said tearfully that she had lost her family since the affair became public. "I've not seen them in a year," she said.

Christmas in Egyptian jail

Cairo court delays British woman's drug case appeal

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

Mrs Maureen Paleschi, a British woman serving a 25-year sentence for drug smuggling, will spend Christmas in an overcrowded Egyptian prison dormitory with more than 70 other female prisoners after a decision yesterday by Egypt's highest court to defer until February 7 a ruling on her appeal.

Mrs Paleschi, aged 50 and a divorced mother of two, was not in Cairo's Court of Cassation to hear the outcome of the appeal launched by her lawyer in February, the month after she received a 25-year sentence for smuggling heroin with a street value of more than £2 million inside a decorative elephant.

Many prominent members of the British community here are convinced of her innocence, and Western sources said that the deferment of the appeal judgement would increase pressure on the British and Egyptian governments to complete negotiations for a prisoner repatriation pact.

Dr Raouf Mahdi, a leading Egyptian lawyer, tried to win for Mrs Paleschi a retrial on the premise that the lower court had erred in implementing provisions of the law. If he is successful when the judgement is handed down Mrs Paleschi, from Yarm, near Darlington, will be permitted bail but will have to stay in Cairo for the new proceedings.

He argued in court that evidence by the prime prosecution witness, Mr Tarek Abu Zeid, a narcotics officer, cast doubt on the verdict. He claimed that Mr Abu Zeid did not say that Mrs Paleschi knew the contents of the elephant. He also said that the narcotics officer testified that there was a group of Egyptian men who used and exploited British women to smuggle drugs into Egypt.

At her trial before the lower tribunal, she told the three judges that her former friend and co-defendant, Mr Muhammad Niazi (who also received a 25-year sentence along with a second Egyptian man) had given her the wooden elephant as a gift during a holiday in Pakistan. She had no idea it contained heroin, and he denied that he had given her the elephant.

Her harrowing prison life in the notorious Qanatir jail, north of Cairo, was outlined for the first time yesterday by the Very Rev Philip Cousins, the Anglican Provost of Cairo's All Saints' Cathedral, who has been alternating visits to her with the British Consul.

"She is the only European in a dormitory of between 70 and 80 women, most of whom speak no English. They have very little privacy beyond a curtain around their beds," Mr Cousins explained. "They are not even permitted to do work like embroidery or needlework, so she spends much of her time reading books — mostly religious ones — sent by well-wishers in Britain."

Mrs Paleschi's conviction caused a stir at the time because so many of those close to the trial in Cairo, including members of the British Embassy, had been privately convinced that she would be found not guilty. A charge against her sister Marion, then aged 42, was dropped.

"The prison is hopelessly overcrowded, and in matters like hygiene does not live up to Western standards, but Mrs Paleschi is bearing her ordeal with great dignity and resourcefulness," Mr Cousins said. "She is very uncomplaining, very co-operative and very good with the other prisoners — who also appear mostly to be on drugs charges. She has to wear a prison uniform of a white *gulabeya*."

He added: "Mrs Paleschi strongly protests her innocence and is very convincing in her statements. If her lawyer succeeds in winning her the retrial that all of us are hoping for, I have made arrangements for her to come and live with me and my wife while it takes place."

Kenyan editor held

Nairobi (Reuter) — Mr Peter Kareithi, the editor of Kenya's most outspoken political magazine, the *Financial Review*, was arrested by plain-clothes police yesterday, the magazine reported. No reason was given for his arrest but police said that they were taking him to the headquarters of the Criminal Investigation Department.

Mr Josphat Karanja, the Vice-President, recently accused the *Financial Review* of "working to denigrate the good government of this nation".

Plane sit-in

Peking (AFP) — Angry passengers took over a Boeing 737 for eight hours in protest at the cancellation of their flight to Chongqing.

Late channel

Luxembourg (Reuter) — A Swedish channel has been signed-up by Luxembourg's Societe Europeenne des Satellites days before the launch of its Astra satellite.

Rebels killed

Colombo (Reuter) — Indian troops killed 13 rebels after Tamil guerrillas ambushed them in northern Sri Lanka.

Bomber crash

Washington (Reuter) — Eight crew members survived after a B52 bomber crashed near a Michigan Air Force base.

Soldiers die

Ankara — Eight soldiers were killed when an army patrol was ambushed by Kurdish separatists in south-eastern Turkey.

Train deaths

Bulawayo (AP) — Six people died and three were injured when an ammunition train crashed into a gully in southern Zimbabwe.

Maid kidnap

Kortrijk (AP) — Two armed men who abducted the maid of a Belgian businessman demanded 200 million francs (£3 million) in ransom.

Judges strike

Lisbon (Reuter) — A nationwide strike by Portuguese judges over pay, the first in history, has halted court cases.



Sir Joh admits that 'donors' left bags of cash in his office

From Christopher Morris, Sydney

Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen admitted to the Royal Commission into police corruption that, while he was Premier of Queensland, anonymous donors left bags stuffed with tens of thousands of dollars in cash in his office.

He also admitted under cross examination yesterday that he had used the Special Branch to investigate the background of a political opponent he regarded as a threat.

Sir Joh, on his third day in the witness box at the commission inquiry in Brisbane, claimed that he and his personal staff knew nothing about the sources of the $50,000 (£22,700) and $60,000 cash donations left at his office. The money was part of more than $550,000 in political donations he was questioned about.

He denied that any donations — to the Queensland National Party or to a private political fund set up by his aides — led to political favours, such as awarding valuable public works contracts.

Sir Joh said the donations were probably taken to his office by someone "who left the money in a bag and didn't tell me what it was at the time. Nobody comes in and says 'I've got $50,000'. I do not sit at the door waiting for people to come in with funds."

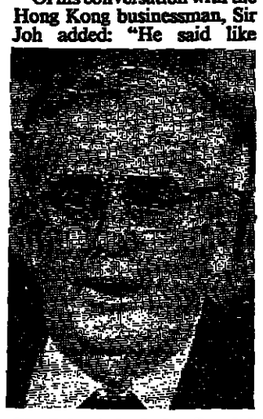
The incredulous Commissioner, Mr Tony Fitzgerald, QC, replied: "Obviously you don't have to."

The inquiry was told a "pass the parcel" system involving bags of cash handed over to Queensland National Party workers netted the party hundreds of thousands of dollars while Sir Joh was in office.

Sir Joh also received a $100,000 donation handed over in a bag by a Hong Kong businessman.

Asked by Mr Fitzgerald if it was unusual for large sums of money to be handed over as cash donations, Sir Joh replied: "No sir, not at all."

Of his conversation with the Hong Kong businessman, Sir Joh added: "He said like everybody else said, 'We want to help the party, we're interested in the way you operate'."



Sir Joh: Asked the Special Branch to investigate rival.

The political opponent the former Premier had asked the Special Branch to investigate was Mr Angus Innes, now the leader of Queensland's Liberal Party.

According to a Special Branch detective whose name was not revealed, Sir Joh wanted the background of Mr Innes thoroughly investigated.

"The Premier regarded Innes as a young Turk and his greatest political threat," the detective said. "The instruction required me to find something against Innes."

In reply, Sir Joh claimed that he had never regarded Mr Innes as any sort of a threat and he could not recall asking the Special Branch to make inquiries.

But after repeated questioning Sir Joh indicated that he might have asked for some checks to be made. "There was something in his background that might have been required to know about," he said.

The Commissioner commented: "It is not much of a basis to get the Special Branch to investigate."

The investigations, the inquiry was told yesterday, had found nothing improper in Mr Innes's background.

The commission inquiry continues today.

Philippine troops scour remote islands



Philippine government troops rounding up the people of a remote village in their search for seven soldiers held prisoner in Quezon province, 80 miles south-east of the capital.

Brigadier-General Alejandro Galido, the military commander for southern Luzon, said that helicopter-borne troops had killed at least 15 guerrillas belonging to the New People's Army on Monday, including the chief of a village on Kalotkot island whom he identified as a rebel (AP reports).

Troops had also seized three boats, which General Galido claimed were ferrying rice and weapons to the guerrillas.

Meanwhile, suspected communist rebels shot two soldiers to death near Manila, the military authorities said. Constable William Subnay and Sergeant Rodrigo Gray had been sitting in a Jeep in the suburb of Muntinlupa when two men had walked up and opened fire.

Colonel Victor Tiangco said a preliminary investigation indicated the killers were part of a New People's Army assassination team, known here as "sparrow units". He said that captured rebel documents indicated that the guerrillas were planning to step up attacks in the Manila area in the next few weeks in an effort to boost morale after the arrests of rebel leaders.

More than 100 police and soldiers in Manila are believed to have been killed by "sparrow units" since last year.

Santa demands new pay clause

From Our Correspondent
Sydney

The spirit of goodwill was distinctly absent in Sydney yesterday when Santa Claus took his employers to court claiming he was underpaid.

Santa saw red and demanded a new clause in his contract when he discovered that helpers in his grotto were getting paid more than twice as much as him.

Now there is even talk of a Santa strike this Christmas in Australia because at the Sydney department store where he works, he is paid £5.50 an hour compared with the £12 an hour for his assistants, the elves, dwarfs and jugglers.

The Santas are paid the same rate as a shop assistant, while their helpers get paid more as members of the Actors Equity union.

Santa yesterday went to the Industrial Commission to demand more, a dramatic role reversal for someone who spends his days at this time of the year hearing lots of claims from young children.

"I found out that the elves, the dwarfs and the jugglers all got paid considerably more than me," he complained.

Actors Equity claimed that department store Santas were actors and could not be classified as shop assistants because they did not sell anything.

"It is seen as unethical for any Santa to promote goods sold in the store" said Equity's industrial officer, Ms Rocque Reynolds.

"Basically he has to get into a costume and perform. Stores take advantage of the season of goodwill by making Santas work for a pittance. Even a performing dog is paid more.

"Most Santas have completed acting courses and are required to audition with hearty: 'Ho, ho, hos'."

For his part Santa — otherwise Mr Robert Kleiner, a 29-year-old actor — insisted he did a professional job and should be paid the proper rate.

He also claimed that the poor pay had not always attracted the right calibre of person. Some of his fellow Santas "have been known to walk out of a grotto and visit the wine-tasting section", he said. The hearing continues.

Paris transport strike misery threatens to derail Socialists

From Philip Jacobson
Paris

As millions of commuters in and around Paris prepare for another miserable journey to work, there is growing discontent over the Socialist Government's handling of the public transport strikes crippling the capital.

With little prospect of an imminent breakthrough in the negotiations that were renewed yesterday, and still more disruptions in the pipeline, the feeling of frustration generated by 10 days of chaos is immense.

So far, the most visible reaction is the motion of censure which M Michel Rocard will face in the National Assembly later this week. The besieged Prime Minister should survive that, but he must now accept that his minority administration has little chance of staggering from one parliamentary crisis to another for its full five years in office.

If the splintered forces of the right cannot achieve M Rocard's downfall unaided, the sharp and continuing decline in his personal standing in the country at large may be enough to tip the scales.

Two opinion polls taken since the start of public sector strikes in Paris and several provincial cities suggest that the Government's determined effort to pin the entire blame on the Communist Party and its trade union allies has left a good many of the French unconvinced that they are the only villains of the piece. Without doubt, the pro-Communist CGT union jumped at the chance to return to the labour front line.

But the latest rash of strikes owes more to worries about pay, working conditions and a keen sense of being undervalued by society than the machinations of the hard left.

Although the Communists are understandably eager to exploit the situation by forcing a ballot-box alliance on the Socialists before France's municipal elections next March, their direct influence over the rank-and-file works committees disrupting Paris appears to be limited.

In any case, while a deal with the far left could provide M Rocard's Government with something resembling a secure parliamentary majority, neither the Prime Minister or President Mitterrand have any appetite for such a coalition.

Voters who edged the Socialists back into power last June were promised bold new ideas, a transformation of their lives, not yet another variation on the stagnant theme of French political accommodation.

It would be highly instructive for M Rocard to ride alongside fellow citizens in one of the military convoys that assemble in the suburbs at first light. The novelty of jolting to work in draughty army lorries has worn off, to be replaced by growing indignation at what is seen as weak and indecisive leadership.

In a nation of confirmed *grognards* (grumblers) the Prime Minister's little jaunt the other day in the cockpit of a Mirage fighter high above the troubled capital, received short shrift.

"They should have ejected him over the Seine," snapped one raindrenched traveller. "Or fired him into space," suggested another.

As for President Mitterrand, whose backing for the Prime Minister has often appeared less than wholehearted, he recently took time off from foreign trips and great affairs of state to inform the nation that he approved of M Rocard's "firmness" towards the strikers.

There could be better weeks for a President accused of Olympian detatchment from the common herd to have a diary that whisks him off on a state visit to Czechoslovakia immediately after receiving, in no particular order, three former prime ministers from abroad, two serving prime Ministers, a trio of presidents and the King of Spain.

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Tibetan leader sacked over unrest

Peking (Reuter) — China has dismissed its Communist Party leader in the troubled region of Tibet and tightened security to prevent monks from staging fresh anti-Chinese protests, Western sources said yesterday.

Nevertheless, monks and hundreds of pilgrims filled Lhasa's main square outside Tibet's holiest shrine on Saturday night and police did not intervene, although the *Prayer of Truth* chanted by the crowd contained lines entreating the "protectors of Tibet to drive the barbarians of the east from the land of the snows".

The security clampdown started on November 23 during a festival for Lhasa's protector goddess, the symbol for many Tibetans of their desire for independence from China. At about the same time, Tibet's Communist Party leader, Mr Wu Jinghua, was recalled to Peking and dismissed for failing to stop unrest in Lhasa, the sources reported from the regional capital.

A party spokeswoman in Peking said that Mr Hu Jintao, former party leader in Guizhou province, had been appointed the new Communist Party leader of Tibet last Thursday. She declined comment on what had happened to Mr Wu, who headed the party in Tibet since 1985.

Protests against Peking's rule over the poor Himalayan region erupted in October last year, giving rise to some of the bloodiest riots since the failure of a rebellion in 1959 forced Tibet's spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, to flee across the border to India. Monks clashed with police again last March and an unknown number of people were killed.

Residents in Lhasa said the city is tense again, with armed police circling the Jokang Temple, questioning people and checking identity papers.

Police with automatic weapons had also recently toured the main streets on motorbikes with sidecars, and Tibetans trying to gather in Lhasa's Barkhor Square had been told to move on. Foreign tourists had their passports checked and hotel rooms searched, the sources said.

In a show of police strength last Wednesday, about 40 criminals were paraded through the streets in a convoy of trucks. The Western sources quoted informed Tibetans as saying that more than 100 political prisoners, including at least 30 monks and nuns, had been taken from prisons inside Tibet to other areas of China. Chinese officials have said in recent months that only 20 or so Tibetans were being detained in connection with separatist protests. Despite the clampdown, posters calling for an end to Chinese rule continue to appear in Lhasa's main square.

Western diplomats, while uncertain what policy changes Tibet's new party leader would bring, noted that Mr Hu, aged 46, was relatively young and had experience in Guizhou and Gansu provinces, both poor areas inhabited by minority peoples.

"The policy now is to soak the place with police and infiltrate everything," one Western diplomat said. Others believe the real power in Tibet lay of late in the hands of Mr Wu's deputy, Mr Ma Rubai, who recently visited the US and met State Department officials.

Chinese troops took control of Tibet in the 1950s. Peking says it has ruled the region, now home to two million people, for centuries and will never give it independence.



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Christmas is a-coming in.....
The Return Visit

Walking along Piccadilly, from Green Park, I had an awareness that for the first time in many months I was looking forward to a shopping excursion. Searching for the reason I concluded it was because the main centre for my day's activities was to be Fortnum & Mason, and that following my recent reintroduction to the store I was beginning to feel like one of the family.

The pleasant welcoming and adaptable way that the staff meets the needs of its customer as an individual is what has taken me. It is still a family store, and it has that warmth about it.

The windows are as usual fantastic, and here I now see the full picture of what was just a dream depicted on the cover of the Christmas Catalogue issued earlier in the year.

Winners for two successive years of the International Display Award it is obvious they are trying for the hat trick. They would receive my vote for pure imagination.

Once inside, my first task is to place my order for the own-label prize-winning Champagne, quality for price I give it my personal award.

That accomplished, I return to the main purpose of my visit today, I must finalise my Christmas shopping.

You may wonder why I like to finish before December is barely begun. The answer is manifold. For example the shops are less crowded and the selection at its best in November and early December. The crush builds up and the selection reduces on a double exponential, and I, for one, prefer to be comfortable and organised.

First stop Stationery Third Floor, my final selection of Christmas Cards, a few specials for close friends, some paper and ribbon for wrapping purchases and then for a few novelties and stocking fillers.

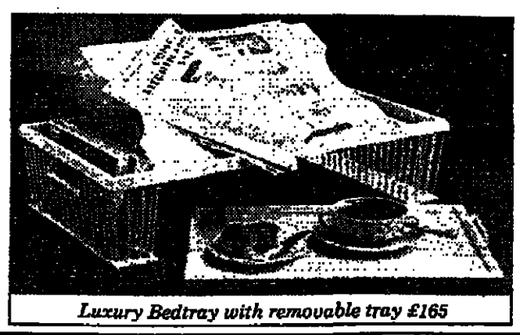
Triangular-shaped playing cards catch my attention, **only £8.95** and decidedly more comfortable and easy to use. I don't know if they will replace regular shapes but they deserve to.

A battery-operated book light that clips onto the book you are reading, minimising discomfort for a sleeping partner, or for younger readers obviating the need to climb under the duvet with a pocket torch if you are told to go to sleep just when you reach a vital part of the plot's action. **Price £5.95.**

More serious matters on the Second Floor, a special lady in my life has indicated that a good quality jewellery box would be an asset, and until now I have seen the same bland, and often poorly finished articles for sale. Not so here, for I am faced with a selection of twenty or more different boxes, in leather, suede, wood, and lizard all with different emphasis. I settle for one in blue suede at **£650.**

A good range of photo frames in wood, velvet, enamel, leather and silver plate solve yet another outstanding problem – things are going well; **I will drop down to the Lower Ground Floor for my final items.**

A luxury bedtray with a removable tray and compartments on the side, plus a fully adjustable reading rest, for a couple I know who take it in turns to spoil each other with breakfast in bed and also one of those "combo" ideas that Fortnum & Mason do so well. A wicker basket, decorated with dried flowers, and containing a famous Fortnum & Mason Christmas Pudding and basin with a spice jar included, there is both immediate pleasure and after use contained in the one gift.



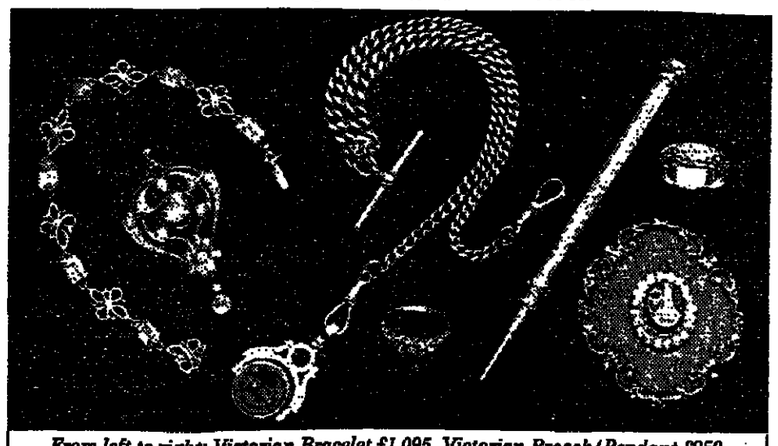
Luxury Bedtray with removable tray £165

For collector friends a Crown Derby Walrus Paperweight at **£47.00** and a Spode "Armada" plate for another at **£69.95.**

As a greater period of the Victorian era falls into the mystical 100 years of age, that traditionally allows items to be referred to as "Antique", so the fashion pendulum swings and a new regard begins to grow for such bijouterie. In the Precious Jewellery selection there is a gentle emphasis on "Estate Jewellery" which otherwise translates as "old jewellery possibly antique".

An exquisite brooch, alternating as a pendant in 15ct gold with peridot and natural pearls is an estimated 90 years old and priced at **£950,** whilst a ring also in 15ct gold with an orange blossom motif is estimated 120 years old – priced at **£240.** A memorial brooch, dated 1844, in gold and black enamel with onyx cameo surrounded by natural pearls, is both striking and good value at only **£775.**

Copy Victorian Albert chains in 9ct gold having graduated links from which one may hang a revolving cornelian and bloodstone seal, indicates the strengthening fashion trend.



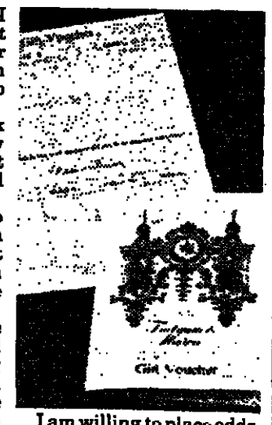
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My list almost complete I must confess that when it comes to my younger nephews and nieces I am always at a total loss to know what to choose.

My dilemma is in the lack of knowledge of what they may already own, and what is currently being planned for them.

Fortnum & Mason to the rescue, they have a very adaptable Gift Token scheme that can be used anywhere in the store.

Suppose I organise the experience I was privileged to receive when I was young – a splendid ice cream extravaganza in the Fountain Restaurant with **Gift Vouchers** to cover the cost.



I am willing to place odds that no one will think of that, and if perchance they have, the children will be doubly blessed!

Whilst buying the vouchers in the Reception area I am introduced to the Fortnum & Mason Credit Account, again fully optional and, would you believe, charging only 1½% per month on any outstanding balance, should you elect not to pay in full at the end of the month. For the accountancy minded, that works out at 19.5% APR.

On checking around I find that the rate is more than competitive, and as an aside I am told that regular account users have special attention with private sale previews and shopping opportunities and unique offers. **Must be good!**

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PARLIAMENT

Angry Kinnock attacks Belgians and Thatcher

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, criticized the Belgian Cabinet for political evasion in refusing the extradition of Father Patrick Ryan to Britain, but accused the Prime Minister of turning confusion into chaos by her tantrums.

He was commenting on a statement by the Prime Minister on the Rhodes summit, which, he said, would come to be known as the Ryan summit.

Mrs Thatcher replied that the facts had spoken for themselves.

"That was the trouble. When we made this perfectly clear, I hope that most people who really believe in fighting terrorism were on our side."

In her statement, Mrs Thatcher said that about half the measures for the single market were now agreed. Priorities for the next stage would include banking and financial services and public procurement, which were of interest to the United Kingdom.

It was widely recognized that the best way to meet social needs and to advance living standards was through extra economic growth which the single market would generate.

In bilateral meetings with the Prime Ministers of Belgium and the Irish Republic she had made clear the extent to which people in Britain "felt let down" by the Belgian Government's treatment of the recent extradition request and the delay by the Irish authorities in "backing our warrants".

Mr Kinnock said that this would be remembered not so much as the Rhodes summit but as the Ryan summit. It seemed clear to many, as to him, that the Belgian Cabinet should have allowed Father Ryan's extradition to Britain.

"But it is also clear that if the confusion began with the political evasion by the Belgian Cabinet, it was turned into chaos by the prejudicial tantrums of the British Prime Minister last week."

RHODES SUMMIT

To ensure that there was no hiding place for suspected terrorists in these islands, would the Prime Minister take what opportunity still existed for bringing the suspect Father Ryan to face charges?

Would the Government use the proven instrument of the Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act to act on the allegations of handling explosives and unauthorized possession of explosives?

"Will she take her own advice and back her speeches and statements with appropriate deeds instead of indulging in damaging histrionics?"

Mrs Thatcher said the Government had made clear that until there were other effective ways of stopping terrorists, of apprehending criminals, and dealing with those carrying drugs, some border controls must remain.

On Belgium, "the facts spoke for themselves. That was the trouble. When we made this perfectly clear, I hope that most people who really believe in fighting terrorism were on our side".

In the Ryan case, Britain was asking the Republic of Ireland to back the warrants sent over or that Father Ryan should be taken into custody while the application for extradition, which took much longer, was fully and properly considered.

"With regard to the Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act, which enables people to have extra-territorial jurisdiction, I am advised that only two of the four charges against Ryan could be heard under that Act. Therefore, it does not seem very relevant."

Mr Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton South West, C) said that after the Prime Minister's justified anger and indignation about the Ryan case she should calmly reflect that no special purpose would be achieved by continuing the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Mr John Hume (Foyle, SDLP) asked, after Mrs Thatcher's conversations with the prime ministers of Belgium and Ireland, if her objective to ensure there was no hiding place anywhere in these islands for people who committed murder might be better achieved by making greater use of the Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act.

Mrs Thatcher said sometimes that Act could be used, but it was no substitute for effective extradition. In the particular case they were considering, only two of the four charges would be applicable under the Act and the other two would not.

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds South and Morley, Lab) asked her to reconsider on the use of the Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act. Why could not the two counts be dealt with in Dublin? If extradition, the best way of dealing with it, was not possible, would it not be possible to go to Dublin?

Mrs Thatcher said she had been given legal advice on the matter.

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) asked if she recalled the conclusion of the Attorney General in the Commons last Thursday, that the refusal of the Belgian Government to agree to the extradition of Father Ryan was based, not on legal, but on political grounds. Was there any legal reason that the Irish Government should not now agree to extradition?

Mrs Thatcher said the application for extradition went before the court of first instance in Belgium and the extradition was granted. It went to the court of appeal in Belgium and it confirmed the decision of the court of first instance. Nevertheless the Cabinet in Belgium could say yea or nay on a matter of extradition and they had said no.

Mr Jeffrey Rooker (Birmingham, Perry Bar, Lab) asked why the only head of state who had not addressed the European Parliament was the head of state of Britain.

Amid Labour laughter and calls of "not you, the other one" **Mrs Thatcher** said: "I would think it was quite obviously the political head of Government who does the political work". It was different from having an executive president.

Mr James Couchman (Gillingham, C) urged her to ignore the weasel words of the Leader of the Opposition whose party, or part of it, would vote against the Prevention of Terrorism Bill second reading.

Mrs Thatcher: I hope as many people as possible will support the Prevention of Terrorism Bill being made permanent. I can think of nothing more important to indicate that people are determined in fighting terrorism.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) said that the manner in which she raised the Ryan case in the House and the meeting with Mr Haughey clearly caused maximum difficulty and embarassment to the Irish Republic and gave satisfaction to the IRA and its friends. "Why does she act in a manner more characteristic of her junior health minister (Mrs Edwina Currie)" (Labour laughter).

Mr Kinnock asked why the Government would not use the Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act. "Is she saying that if she cannot get everything, including bringing Patrick Ryan from Northern Ireland to this country, then she will not take legal means to achieve anything?"

Mrs Thatcher: No. My legal advice is that only two of the four charges will come under that Act. Legal advice must come from the Attorney General or the Solicitor General. The Government believed in an extradition policy because it was far better to bring people to trial in the country where the offences have taken place.



Mrs Edwina Currie (above, right), Under Secretary of State, Health, has an uncontrollable tongue and an insatiable desire for self-advertisement, a Conservative backbencher said to loud Labour cheers during Prime Minister's question time.

Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop **(Tiverton, C) asked *Mrs Thatcher if* she was aware of the devastation caused to the livelihoods of many people in the poultry industry by Mrs Currie's reckless and uninformed statements. As Mrs Thatcher was responsible for the composition of her Government, what action did she intend to take now (Labour cheers)?**

Mrs Thatcher: **I understand his concern, but the answer to his question is: no, sir.**

I did read very carefully the statement by the Chief Medical Officer, *first on* November 21 and second on December 5.

I must say, having read them both very carefully, I then decided to have scrambled egg on toast for lunch and enjoyed it.

Scottish Enterprise will get job and training responsibilities

Proposals to incorporate the Scottish Development Agency *(SDA) into a new national body*, Scottish Enterprise, with strategic responsibility for enterprise, job creation and training, were announced by *Mr Malcolm Rifkind*, Secretary of State for Scotland.

He said that at local level a comprehensive network of local agencies, run by employers, would tailor training to local needs. Two-thirds or more of the boards of such agencies would be expected to come from the senior ranks of private business.

For the first time, training in Scotland would be delivered by a Scottish body answerable to and funded by the Secretary of State for Scotland. The proposals form part of a White Paper.

Funding would be that already provided for the SDA and training programmes in Scotland, a total of £500 million this year.

Functions now carried out by the SDA might be devolved *later to local agencies*. There were attractions in delegating as much authority as possible to local level, but the Government was undecided where the balance between local and central powers should lie.

SCOTLAND

He set out three options for the Highlands and Islands "to build on success to date".

These were: *To set up a new* body, Highland Enterprise, incorporating the Highlands and Islands Development Board *plus responsibility for training*; to retain the HIDB and set up local training agencies; or to invite the HIDB to act as a local agent for Scottish Enterprise.

There was Labour laughter when Mr Rifkind claimed to have been delighted by widespread interest and enthusiasm for his proposals. The people of Scotland were clearly attracted to the new opportunities offered by this approach to training and enterprise creation, he said.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scottish affairs, said that he did not remember any announcement which had been so well trailed and heralded. Mr Rifkind had been doing well in the cliché business for the past few minutes. The purple passages at the beginning said much for Mr Rifkind's courage, or at least his brass neck.

But how *much substance* was there in the statement? He suspected that those alarmed by the advance publicity would be relieved and those *anxious* for better training would be disappointed.

The recognition of a need for a Scottish dimension in training was welcome. One of the tests of the new organization would be its ability to influence the development of employment training and youth training schemes.

Mr Rifkind said that the local organizations would be employer-led. The Opposition expected that they would be *genuinely representative* of the community. "Whatever contribution employers may make, they cannot have exclusive *jurisdiction. Trade unions and* local authorities must have their place."

Mr Rifkind said that many of the ideas in the White Paper had come from Scottish industry which had indicated its readiness to accept more responsibility for the provision of training.

Mr William Walker (Tayside North, C) said that many people in Scotland, certainly those involved in training and running a business, would welcome the statement. It was the first sensible approach for a long time towards the needs of industry.

Mr Alexander Salmond (Banff and Buchan, SNP) expressed concern that, under the *guise of a welcome devolution* of Training Commission functions, they may be seeing a filleting of the Scottish Development Agency.

How many jobs did he expect to be held at the centre?

Mr Rifkind said that he did not envisage that any of the proposals in the White Paper were likely to have a direct effect on the number of staff employed at the SDA and the Highlands and Islands Development Board.

Mr Richard Douglas (Dunfermline West, Lab) said that one of the difficulties of employer-led training was that it required training for jobs as they were, not for jobs as they were likely to be.

Mr Rifkind said that he envisaged local agencies preparing economic profiles of their locality about likely future skill shortages.

Children Bill: Second reading

Child law 'landmark'

The days when a child was regarded as a possession of his parent — when they had a right to his services and to sue on their loss — were now buried for ever, **Lord Mackay of Clashfern**, the Lord Chancellor, said in moving the second reading the Children Bill in the Lords.

The overwhelming purpose of parenthood was the responsibility for caring for and raising *the child to be a properly* developed adult physically and morally.

He said that the Bill — a landmark in children's legislation — was the most comprehensive and far-reaching reform of child law before Parliament in living memory. It brought together public and private law over the care, protection and upbringing of children and the provision of services to them and their families.

The Bill repealed seven post-war Acts and limited others to purely criminal or adult provisions. It would provide statute law in a form that was simpler, more accessible to those who work with it and more comprehensible.

"The concern of recent years *about the present legal frame*work for children has been fuelled by the tragic and, to many, incomprehensible phe*nomenon of child abuse*.

"Some 100 children, some of them known to local authority social services departments and some actually in their care, die each year at the hands of a parent, step parent or connected adult.

"At any one time about 40,000 children in England alone are on child-protection registers. We were shocked too, by the events in Cleveland and, helped by the very careful and thorough report of Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, we must ensure that over-zealous handling of such cases does not recur.

HOUSE OF LORDS

"But, equally, the reports on the deaths of Jasmine Beckford, Kimberley Cartile, Tyra Henry and others show the importance of ensuring that children at risk are properly protected."

That pointed to the need to have a legal framework giving effective protection to those too young and vulnerable to defend themselves and was also fair to parents.

"This balance has been shown to be missing from child-care law at present. We have also failed to satisfy the European Court of Human Rights that the present law in relation to parental access to children in care is satisfactory. The Bill seeks to correct these and other deficiencies of the present law."



Lord Mackay: Public and private law brought together

The Bill would discourage the practice of putting children in care because of inadequate home circumstances or as part of a divorce package.

Local authorities would also have a new duty to promote the upbringing of children in need by their families so far as it was consistent with their welfare duty to the child *himself*. Partnership with parents, based on agreement so far as possible, would be the guiding principle.

"As a matter of principle, it is important for the law in a free society expressly to protect the integrity and independence of families save where there is at least likelihood of significant harm to the child from within the family."

In reforming child law, the Bill also provided for the redesign of court arrangements *and procedures to meet* the needs of children's cases.

To emphasize the civil nature of proceedings concerning children, the Bill by amendment will take power to shift jurisdiction to hear care applications from magistrates' juvenile courts to domestic courts, thus finally obliterating any criminal overtones.

It would also be possible for all proceedings to be heard in the same court by judges and magistrates who had made a special study of family work.

"With this Bill the Government has put in hand a programme of work which will extend step by step to all aspects of family law and business."

The main improvements under the Bil would go a long *way to achieving the general* approach to all family litigation sought by those who had called for a family court.

Tourist centre protest

The tourist information centre at the Tower of London is closed from the autumn to Easter because it is in a temporary hut not suitable for winter use, Mr **John Lee**, Under Secretary of State for Employment, said at questions.

Talks to improve it are taking place between the London Tourist Board and the London Docklands Corporation, he told Mr Conal Gregory (York, C).

Mr Gregory said that an enormous opportunity was being lost. It was a national scandal that such an attractive venue as the Tower had its tourist information centre closed from the autumn to Easter.

Mr Lee said that he would like to see more sites open for longer periods.

Concern over engineering

Sir Cyril Smith (Rochdale, Democrat) expressed concern during questions that school leavers were not in*terested in careers in en*gineering. They were more interested in computers. "There is a considerable *shortage of applicants for* apprenticeships in the engineering industry.

Mr Patrick Nicholls, *Under Secretary of State* for Employment, agreed. "Employers need to to be involved in the training of *young people; that is entirely* right. The proposition we announced yesterday in our White Paper will ensure *that employers play their* proper part in this way."

Blake print in lieu of tax

The Government has accepted a flower painting by Jacob Marrel and a print by William Blake, "Frontispiece to the Book of Ahania", in lieu of tax. **Mr Richard Luce**, Minister for Arts, said in a written answer that the tax liability satisfied had been £61,369 and £19,658 respectively. The Blake print will go to the Fitzwilliam Museum, but it has not yet been decided where the Marrel painting will go.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Trade and industry. Water Bill, second reading, first day.

Lords (2.30): Debates on consumer debt and on assistance for the mentally ill and mentally handicapped.

Welcome for EEC budget

The draft budget of the European Community for next year provided considerable impetus towards completion of the internal market by 1992, Mr Alex Carlile, Democrat spokesman on European affairs, told MPs in a short debate late on Monday.

Broadly welcoming the budget, he said that it provided far greater economic and social cohesion betwen member states. *It also speeded the production* of a common policy on research and development and started to tackle environmental policy.

Mr Peter Brooke, Paymaster General, moving a motion, later agreed, to take note of the 1989 draft budget, said that the European Parliament at Strasbourg would have its second reading debate in the week beginning December 12.

Mr Stuart Holland, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, said that one of the reasons why the budget was in better shape this year was the overall situation of the world food market, especially the rise of food prices because of the US drought.

Mr David Curry (Skipton and Ripon, C) gave two cheers for the budget. What characterized it was a new mountain: the *Brussels* cash mountain. New pressures were coming. The US had much increased its planting in response to the drought and, in a couple *of years*, there would be a big increase in its grain harvest.

Mr John Redwood (Wokingham, C) urged the minister to take the opportunity of US overtures on farm subsidies to see if the priciples of competition and the open market could be extended to the expensive agriculture sector.

Council oath Bill 'unnecessary'

The following report of Monday's debate appeared in part in later editions yesterday.

The Government's proposals *to require* a declaration of opposition to violence from people seeking public office in Northern Ireland were described from the Opposition front bench as misconceived and unnecessary when they were put to the Commons.

The Bill, the Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Bill, provides that anyone standing for election in Northern Ireland will have to declare that he or she does not support violence or banned organizations.

Mr Kevin McNamara, **chief Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, said that the case against such legislation had been made so vigorously that he was surprised that the Government had been foolish enough to introduce the Bill.**

Mr Peter Robinson **(Belfast East, DUP) described the Bill as a limp, lukewarm measure that was neither fish nor fowl.**

Mr Tom King, **Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, moved second reading and *Mr McNamara, moved an amend*ment to decline second reading to the Bill, which, he said, was unnecessary because incitement to violence and displays of support for terrorism were already criminal offences.**

The Bill did not address itself to the problems of reducing the size of the sea in which the terrorist swam.

The *Bill* was misconceived and unnecessary. It was not going to eradicate violence. It was futile. It would strengthen the paramilitary cause.

It was clear that the Bill would have unintended consequences that the Government had failed to consider.

The greatest disruption in council *chambers had been the* result of the Unionist campaign against the Anglo-Irish agreement, not the presence of the Sinn Fein.

It was already a criminal offence to express support for *paramilitaries*.

The Bill was a blow not to the supporters of the paramilitaries but to constitutional nationalists.

Mr Robinson **said that the Bill purported to be a declaration against terrorism, which *it* was not.**

The Government was hypocritical.

It could not be right that Unionist councillors should still be expected to sit down and debate issues in local council chambers with members of Sinn Fein while the Secretary of State and his ministers refused to do *the same*.

The Government was ducking out and leaving others to carry *on the front-line work*.

N IRELAND



Mr Robinson: Bill is a limp, lukewarm measure

The first person to act against a Sinn Fein councillor would have to "keep his head down". The lives of councillors would be in danger.

If there was not to be a criminal offence to be pursued, therefore, by the DPP, the Government must consider setting up a body, perhaps a commission, to which people could take a complaint about remarks by elected representatives and which would be able to bring a prosecution.

Mr Clifford Forsythe **(South Antrim, OUP) said that it was becoming more and more difficult to get the right people to run for office while the shadow of the gun and the terrorist hung over council chambers.**

Mr Paddy Ashdown, **leader of the Democrats and party spokesman on Northern Ireland, said that what was supposed to provide a *further instrument* to defeat terrorism had been made more difficult by the bungling mismanagement by the Prime Minister of the extradition of Patrick Ryan.**

What she had done had been cheered to the echo by the IRA, those who wanted an end to the Anglo-Irish agreement and those who wished to see rela*tions between the republic* and the United Kingdom at their worst level possible.

The question was whether this was a useful mechanism to add to the hand of Government to defeat terrorism without significantly damaging civil liberties.

"My view is that it is a useful mechanism."

Mr Eddie McGrady **(South Down, SDLP) said *that the Bill* would *set* the extremists in the council chamber at one another's throats and, in that processs, local democracy would be sacrificed.**

Mr Tony Benn **(Chesterfield, Lab) said that he would vote against the second reading. "It is a dangerous, little Bill made no less offensive because of the fact that it will be wholly and completely ineffective."**

The principle of trying to deal with religious or political movements by oaths was absurd.

"When you attack elected people, you are really attacking those who elected them."

Partition had been imposed on Ireland by force.

It ill befitted the Government, which favoured *partition, to say:* Now we have cut you up by force, you must commit yourself to limit your aspirations to the structures we set.

Like any war, this one had to be brought to an end by negotiations.

"If the war in Ireland is to end there will have to be a round table conference. The jurisdiction of Britain in Northern Ireland will have to end, not under threat but by the decision of the British Parliament."

Mr Simon Burns **(Chelmsford, C) welcomed the Bill despite the fact that there were still anomalies.**

Mr Richard Needham, **Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, replying to the debate, *said that of Sinn* Fein's 58 councillors, 11 had been convicted of terrorist-type offences, and a further three had faced or were facing charges. *Six other* councillors had also been convicted of scheduled offences.**

A big problem was caused in the Northern Ireland district councils by those who openly supported violence.

The Opposition amendment was rejected by 291 votes to 195 — Government majority, 96, and the Bill read a second time by 274 votes to 41 — Government majority, 233.

Few youngsters in poverty, MPs told

Reported poverty among young people because of cuts in their benefits was raised by Labour *MPs at Prime Minister's* questions. She said that only a small minority of youngsters was involved and one Labour back*bencher called her response* hypocritical.

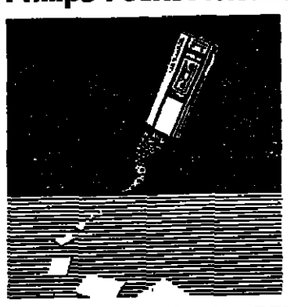
Mr Keith Bradley (Manchester, Withington, Lab) raised the evidence *published by Dr* Barnardo's, that children leaving local authority care faced abject poverty because of the *cuts in their benefits. Would* she support the introduction of a special benefit allowance for teenagers leaving local care?

Mrs Thatcher: We are talking about a small minority of young people — (protests) — living in*dependenely. They receive maxi*mum help with rent and rates.

Mr Brian Wilson (Cunninghame North, Lab) said that her response to the question on the report had been hypocritical. Would she accept that the guarantee of a YTS place, on which the withdrawal of all benefits to 16 and 17-year-olds had been based, "is a lie"?

Mrs Thatcher: *There are very* many more YTS places than young people applying for them in all regions of the country.

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Pricing ourselves off the roads

GETTING LONDON MOVING

Part 3: Charging for use of the roads

The policy of restraint seems to be the most effective in keeping drivers off the streets. Paul Vallely looks at the advantages and disadvantages

MARK ELLIDGE



Choked to death: a typical scene on a London road — but should motorists pay for the privilege of taking to the streets?

Let us suppose that from next week guests at the Ritz will no longer pay for rooms and that all costs will be paid by the government from the public purse. It is possible that this would mean there will be more guests than there are rooms. If so, then guests can sleep two, three or four to a bed. Any others can sleep on the floor or in the corridors. If this is insufficent to satisfy demand, then the taxpayer will be asked to begin providing the resources for building another hotel next door.

This idea may, on the surface, seem impractical, but it can work — it is, after all, the way London's road system is run. In terms of land price alone, the road space in the middle of London is probably the most valuable real estate anywhere in Europe. Yet its management is curiously anarchic.

Where a commodity is scarce and demand is high, there are several mechanisms for regulating the situation. The most usual method is to set prices at a level where supply and demand are balanced. Demand can also be restrained by law. It can be decreed, for example, that camping is illegal in a public park or that only doctors or the disabled can park in a certain place.

Another method of restraint is to use a time penalty. To obtain the limited number of bargains at a Harrods sale, or tickets for a Wimbledon final, people pay by giving up their time; often they are prepared to queue for days.

A similar mechanism is used to ration space on the roads. It is called congestion and most transport economists agree that it is the least useful technique for social and economic efficiency.

As the capital's arteries become steadily more blocked and the traffic occasionally seizes solid for hours, it has become obvious that the default policy of congestion cannot be allowed to continue. Transport experts are searching for something better.

Elsewhere in the world, the policy of restraint is being tried. It produces undoubted benefits, as any tourist in the traffic-free centre of Florence will testify. But serious drawbacks have emerged.

In Singapore, where cars can only enter the centre in the rush hour if they are full, street urchins hire themselves as extra passengers to motorists with empty cars. In Lagos, where cars with odd and even numberplates are only allowed in on alternate days, the wealthy have bought two cars and the corrupt have obtained two numberplates. In Milan, where exemptions are made for essential users, a surprising number of 18-year-old doctors have appeared on the streets.

To a Government as enamoured of market forces as Mrs Thatcher's, the most obvious solution is to begin charging for use of the roads. Road pricing, as it is known, is widely accepted among transport planners of all political views as inevitable for a city as large and congested as London, where 1.15 million people commute into a comparatively small area every day.

A reduction of as little as 20 per cent in the number of private cars would make the traffic flow much more freely.

The notion finds favour for a number of reasons. The green lobby sees that it would reduce the number of private cars — which make up more than 70 per cent of London's traffic — thus diminishing noise, pollution and road accidents (500 deaths, 5,000 serious and 50,000 other injuries a year in London).

Until 18 months ago, the number of accidents in London was falling, says the Metropolitan Police, but those involving private cars are rising rapidly owing to increasingly reckless driving which the police attribute to congestion frustration.

Stephen Plowden, traffic adviser to Friends of the Earth, in a report called *A Case for Traffic Restraint in London*, says: "No one should be obliged to accept such encroachments on their freedom for the sake of the marginal convenience of travellers." He recommends a scheme which combines road pricing and permits for certain users.

Advocacy more sympathetic to the economic views of the Government comes from several free-market transport experts, such as Sir Alan Walters, who first embraced the idea of road pricing in 1961 when he was a transport economist. Since then he has become something of an economic guru to the Prime Minister, to whose office he returns on a full-time basis in January.

The free-market argument is simple. When a motorist gets into his car, he is largely aware of what the journey will cost in time and petrol. He does not include the cost of wear on the road or the cost to other drivers — the extra congestion his vehicle will add, even if only fractionally, to the costs, in petrol and time, of other drivers.

Road pricing will make him pay these extra costs in a way which relates directly to them (rather than through an annual car tax). The more he travels, and the more congested a time and place he chooses, the more he will pay. This will provide a disincentive to wasteful use.

In this way, journeys which are of low or marginal value to the driver would not be made; congestion would lessen; and the revenue from essential journeys would enable the road authorities to gauge the demand for building new roads.

The weak point is that the less well-off would be priced off the roads. Dr Phil Goodwin, reader in Transport Studies at Oxford University, argues that this problem could be overcome by extending the concept of the free market to the entire transport sector in London, rather than restricting it to roads.

"With a commodity as vital as transport in the capital, it is important to use market mechanisms to gain maximum efficiency for society rather than simply to maximize private profits or raise extra tax revenue. So the revenues from road pricing would be used for whatever purpose gave the maximum benefit — provision of car parks, new rail lines, subsidies to bus services — to improve overall efficiency," he says.

Investments in public transport would give a better service for those drivers who were priced out of their cars for city-centre travel and for the poorer sections of society who already have no alternative to buses and tube. Sir Alan would be against that as subsidy under another name.

But other transport economists who generally espouse free market principles maintain it would be unrealistic not to plough back revenue from road pricing into more efficient transport sectors.

"Transport demand can never be satisfied in cities where land is a scarce commodity," Professor John Hibbs, of Birmingham Polytechnic, says. "You cannot just pull buildings down indefinitely to make more roads. You have to use market mechanisms, but you can't leave the market alone entirely to take care of it."

In any case, according to Peter Hall, Professor of Geography at Reading University: "Road pricing is not just a method of raising revenue. It needs to be designed to constrain traffic and part of that policy has to be to provide a public transport system with a consistently high level of service. The public should be able to see the link between the way you charge for roads and the way you support public transport."

But the question exercising the minds of transport ministers is whether road pricing would not raise a political storm in Britain. Paul Channon, the Transport Secretary, has set his mind against it and his civil servants have marshalled a long list of practical difficulties. Privately, however, one senior official admits: "Of course it could be done, it is technically possible, and we could find ways around these difficulties." But ministers regard the idea as a vote-loser.

Ken Huddart, formerly London's chief traffic engineer and more recently a consultant to the World Bank, agrees. "Traffic would have to get a lot worse before people would demand that something should be done which is as radical as making them pay for what they used to get free. Maybe when it takes three hours to make a journey they now do in half that time it will happen."

Others believe that tolerance of the problem in London is already approaching such a breaking point. Goodwin concedes that road-pricing has been the most successful theoretical but the least successful political contribution by economists to transport planning. But he believes that it is nearer than it has ever been.

Winning political acceptability is now largely just a question of tactics, says Sir Christopher Foster, of the economic analysts Coopers & Lybrand, who was a transport adviser to two Labour governments. "First you build new roads, which can only be used by cars with electronic road pricing equipment, to entice people to accept it. Then you extend its use for parking, then to curb congestion in a limited central area, then for the whole of London. Then you can put up prices on public transport to levels where the whole system is at last paying for itself."

TOMORROW

Does London need more roads?

ELECTRONIC CAT'S-EYES TO DETER THE MOTORIST

There are two basic methods of charging for the use of roads: selling tickets or licences in advance, or metering each vehicle's journeys with electronic meters and sensors built into the road.

The first would involve wardens checking licences at a cordon around central London or at random throughout the area. If charges were high enough, all parking meters in the area could be removed and wardens would concentrate on licence checks.

The second is favoured by most experts. It is based on a system devised by scientists at the Greater London Council almost a decade ago as part of a road-pricing study which was later abandoned. The technology was borrowed by the Hong Kong road authorities for trial.

Each vehicle was fitted with an electronic numberplate (ENP) welded to its underside which transmitted a unique code when interrogated by electronic loops in the road. Roadside computers then transmitted the data to a control centre for checking before bills were sent to the drivers. Vehicles with ENPs which had been tampered with were recorded on video cameras for prosecution.

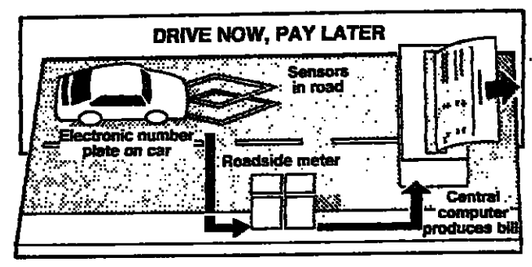
Technically, the experiment was a success, although it uncovered limitations:

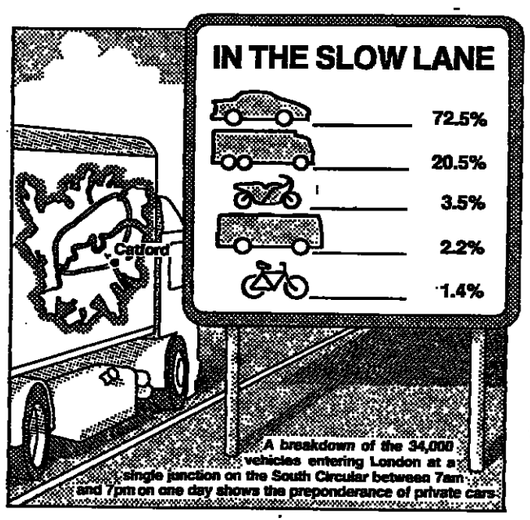
- All vehicles, even those which rarely use the priced area, have to be fitted with an ENP which costs £40.
- The need to install loops in the road would make it difficult to introduce extensive changes in the system.
- There was no indication at the time of the journey how much it was costing. Meters would have to be developed to show this if drivers were to be deterred from journeys.
- A congestion problem occurred on the boundary where people parked to avoid paying.
- A clear policy on exemptions — for the disabled, doctors or residents — is needed in advance.

The project was abandoned after an outcry from pressure groups and the authorities trebled car tax instead. This bought a temporary respite but there is again talk of the system being introduced.

Road pricing is in operation in two large cities, Bergen and Singapore, and is regarded as a success in both. Bergen, Norway's second city (pop. 200,000), did not have serious congestion but needed money to build new roads. It set up tolls on exits from the ring road to the city centre, with fast lanes for drivers holding pre-paid passes. A single ticket when the scheme began in 1986 cost 50p and an annual pass £100. Charges in London (pop. seven million) would be much higher.

Singapore introduced its Area Licence Scheme in 1975. Motorists pay to enter the centre in the morning peak. Cars with more than four occupants are free. The scheme caused chaos on the edge of the pay zone until a ring road was built.







Government in an eggshell



CRAIG BROWN

It is widely believed that the eggs pinpointed by Mrs Currie are only the tip of the iceberg.

Ministerial Eggs can be quite as untrustworthy. We present a cut-out-and-keep guide to Ministerial Eggs that might not be all they seem.

Eggsact figures: usually "not available". Instead, the minister offers "personal observations" supported by "public opinion", both of which happen to support his own point of view.

Eggsaggerate: let's not eggsaggerate "the problem". Ministerial statement delivered after major catastrophe.

Eggsample: Ministers like to give anecdotal eggsamples drawn from their own recent eggsperiences. Coincidentally, these eggsamples tend to show that (a) they travel by public transport; (b) they enjoy a joke at their own eggspence; (c) they hobnob with ordinary folk. "I was in Birmingham buying bangers and mash on a bus the other day and an ordinary senior citizen clapped me on the back and said: 'You are doing a great job'."

Eggs Cathedra: any word spoken by Mr Bernard Ingham.

Eggschequer: Chancellor of the: sat on the wall. Took out a mortgage on it. Had a great fall.

Eggslusion zone: a zone extending around any enemy ship in time of conflict.

Eggslusive: all Sunday papers carry the same eggslusives, all delivered, and later denied, by government ministers.

Eggscommunicated: see Heath, Eggward.

Eggscuse: Mr Clarke wants to know what your eggscuse is this time, Eggwina.

Eggsecutive decision: decision taken by Mrs Thatcher.

Eggshanstive enquiries: always follow leaked eggsit of ministerial intentions.

Eggshibition: "I put my career on the line for what I believe to be right. You raise a couple of interesting points. He makes an eggshibition of himself."

Eggsodus: mass: always follows announcement of major statement by the Secretary of State for Scotland.

Eggsorbitant: any demand by anyone for any more money.

Eggspand: "If I may eggspand on this": "If I might draw your attention away from the point you are making."

Eggspect: "The type of carping we have come to eggspect from the party opposite: catch-all response to any criticism."

Eggspeaditure: always much higher than it was in 1979.

Eggsperiment: always "interesting" but usually also "impractical".

Eggsperts: (as in 'Government Eggsperts'): a group of men and women highly trained to pinpoint with acute precision any figures that might support a government initiative.

Eggsplain: "If you will just let me eggsplain: if you will let me off the hook."

Eggspletive: always deleted from Hansard.

Eggsploitation: the Opposition always eggsploit the fears of the old and the underprivileged when they start querying government policy.

Eggsploring: "as in eggsploring all avenues": putting off a decision.

Eggspose: (as in I will eggspose the flaw in your argument): I will draw attention from the flaws in mine.

Eggspression: always "unparliamentary".

Eggstenuating circumstances: the minister cannot be blamed for everything that goes wrong in his department.

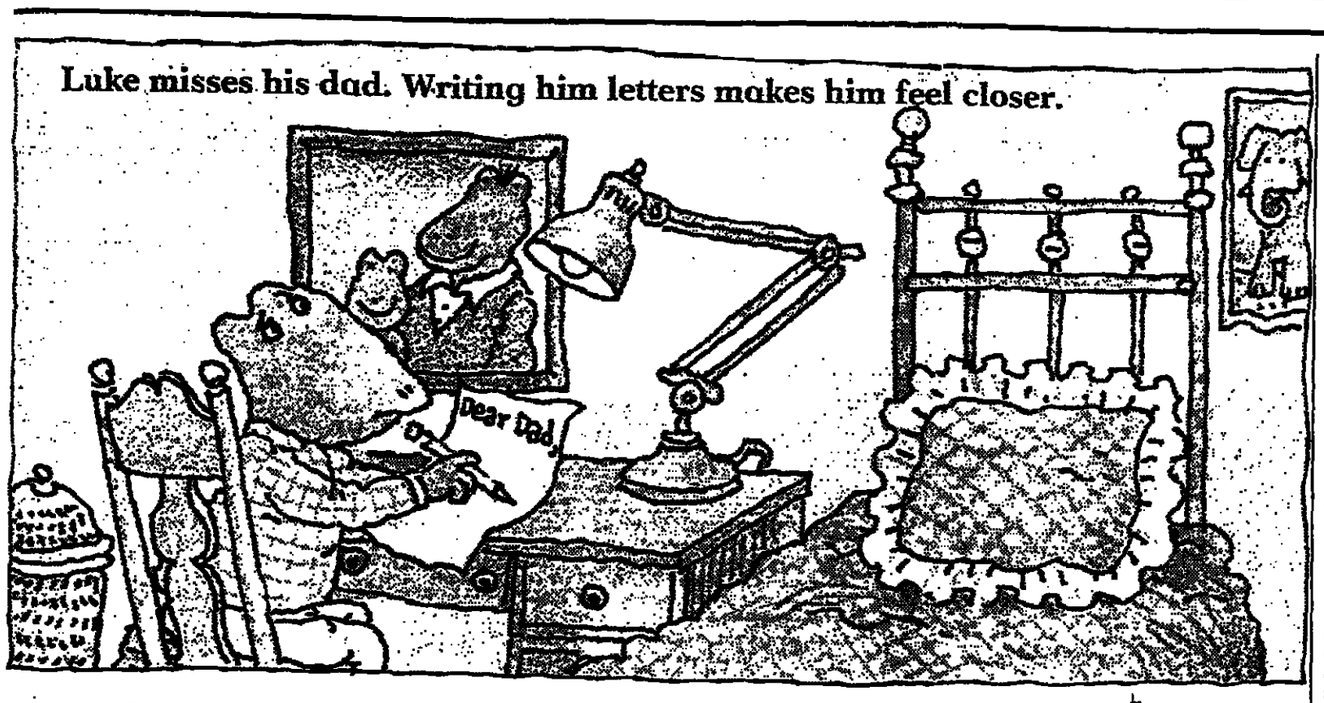
Eggstinct: see Du Cann, Eggward.

Eggstra: (as in eggstra resources): fewer.

Eggstract: newspaper eggstracts always give the wrong impression of what the Minister really said.

Eggstremist: any Member who does not support an end to free eye tests.

WEDNESDAY PAGE



Once upon a time there was a divorce

Books which explain family and personal problems to children are publishing's newest boom area. Liz Gill reads on . . .

Once upon a time there was a family of dinosaurs who had funny green faces and long tails but otherwise were just like you and me. Sadly, the Mummy dinosaur and the Daddy dinosaur didn't love each other any more and so they got a divorce.

The little dinosaurs were very, very sad and cried a lot. And when Mummy and Daddy got married again to other people and they had stepbrothers and sisters it was even more confusing. But it all worked out all right in the end because, you see, Mummy and Daddy still loved the little dinosaurs very much indeed.

That in a nutshell is the story of *Dinosaurs Divorce, A Guide for Changing Families* (which includes the illustration above), and a fable for our times. It is written by an American couple, Laurene and Marc Brown, who have been through the mill themselves.

It is an example of a boom area in children's publishing: "special situation" books, which tackle everything from having an eye test and the arrival of a new baby to separation, step-parenting and sexual abuse.

There are now so many such books that Tony Bradman, author and consultant to *Parents* magazine, has written a guide to the field called *I Need a Book!*.

The best, he says, can be an enormous help in getting families to talk about difficult areas, provided books are already part of family life. "Producing one with a flourish when you never normally read together alerts the child to the fact that something very important and therefore worrying is going on.

"I think if you look on them as anything more than aids to discussion you are in trouble. No book, however sincere and well-meaning, can tackle the dynamics of a marriage breaking up where the problem might have been around for years."

The best ones are those which are well and sensitively written with a touch of humour, which makes the books entertaining in themselves and helps keep a sense of proportion.

Bradman, a father of three, advises avoiding books that contain ambiguities or those that raise more issues than you might wish to address. He also warns: "A lot of psycho-babble has crept in, particularly in adolescent books. I saw an American one that raised the subjects of abortion, virginity, nuclear war and menstrual cramps in the first three pages.

"Sometimes a book can create a problem. I heard of one little girl who was given a book on coping with fears of the dark. Till then she'd never thought there was anything to be afraid of. I get sick to death, too, of all these new baby-arriving books that go on and on about the difficult times ahead. For a lot of children it's no big deal."

Many of the classic children's stories already deal with "special situations". What better illustration of sibling rivalry than *Cinderella*, or of family troubles than *Hansel and Gretel*? "They also have stereotypes of course," Bradman says. "It may be a good idea to get away from the idea that stepmothers are invariably wicked – but *Red Riding Hood*, for example, is the stranger/danger tale *par excellence*."

Julia Eccleshare, selector of *Children's Books of the Year* (an annual publication sponsored by the Book Trust), believes the incorporation of "special situations" such as divorce and disability into mainstream fiction is a healthy trend. "It can be very reassuring to know you are not alone, and it's also very good for children to learn about how other people live. But some of these books are not books, they are just vehicles."

Althea Braithwaite wrote her book on divorce in the aftermath of her own marriage break-up, when her son Duncan was aged 10. "He asked me for a book on the subject and the only one we could find was an American one called *My Dad Lives in a Downtown Hotel*, which wasn't very appropriate for someone living in a village 12 miles outside Cambridge."

Since then she has become a specialist in the field, with 20 books to her credit on subjects such as death, disability and going to the doctor. She researches meticulously and remains unperturbed by the fashionable middle-class jibe that a child who gets an Althea book is in for something nasty.

She says: "We constantly underestimate our children's ability to deal with serious issues. Death, for instance, is still the big taboo, like sex used to be, but when I go into schools the children really want to talk about it. Besides not talking about something, whispering, or shutting up when a child comes into the room, can make a child feel something is worse than it is."

Braithwaite is working on a story about childhood cancer – "so many children survive these days that when they go back to school everyone's terrified of them" – and would like to do one on Aids.

Michele Elliott, author and founder of Kidscape, the child abuse prevention programme, is working on a book for the under-fives. It centres on a granny because research with children identified her as the person they would be most likely to confide in. It only involves a secret kiss, but she believes it will raise important issues in an innocuous way.

"You don't need to educate children away from their innocence to give them strategies," she says. "You can be low key and still get your concerns across."

She is against books that handle sexual abuse in a very explicit way being read by children who have not been abused: "I might use them with children who have suffered because often they don't understand what has happened. But most children are not abused and these images can be very frightening."

Margaret Robinson, a therapist and conciliator at the Institute of Family Therapy in London, advised on the English edition of *Dinosaurs Divorce*. She has recommended it to friends and used it professionally. She says: "I don't think concepts like guilt are too complex for a small child. They might not know the word, but it's very common for them to think Daddy has gone away because they've been naughty.

"But the book must be good. Some are simply appalling and don't understand the child's point of view. I particularly like animals because they're indirect."

No one I spoke to attributed anything but the best of motives to parents who sought help from books. Was there never, for instance in the case of divorce, an element of self-justification?

Bradman thinks not, but he does say that the books may jar on the child. "The truth is that, however rough things are, children don't want their parents to split up and it may be that to have a book saying how everything is going to be all right really goes against the grain."

● Dinosaurs Divorce, *by Laurene Krasny Brown and Marc Brown, published by Collins, £5.95.*

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Dedicated to the bebop baroness

Pannonica de Koenigswarter, who died last week, was rich, aristocratic, and a vital part of New York's jazz scene



In tune: Nica and (inset) Charlie Parker, who died in her suite

A mixture of mild contempt and grudging gratitude is the jazz musician's usual response to the attentions of the hangers-on who have populated his scene since its earliest days. A few dollars to help get the horn out of hock, a free meal and the loan of a week's rent have, in some cases, been of vital assistance to a down-at-heel jazz musician.

Some of these people are attracted by jazz's reputation – still thriving – as a music of rebellion. The most rebellious and consequently the most persistently influential period in jazz occurred during the early 1940s in New York, when Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk, Charlie Mingus, Bud Powell and a few others invented the reckless, revolutionary music known first as bebop and later simply as modern jazz. As much as the music, the off-beat lives of its exponents attracted more hangers-on than paying customers. But not all of those who were photographed in the sometimes bleak after-hours New York jazz clubs were there for the ride. One or two actually contributed more than loose change and adoration. Baroness Pannonica de Koenigswarter, who died last Thursday, aged 74, was just such a fan..

Known throughout the jazz fraternity as Nica, the late baroness was born a Rothschild. Her natural aristocratic social ease, her sensitive appreciation of modern artistic trends, and – perhaps not least – her unlimited wealth gave Nica a unique entrée into the tight, self-protective world of bebop.

A good-looking sportswoman and intellectual, Nica had been introduced to jazz through her brother, Victor, himself an able pianist (he had been taught, in an informal way, by the great Benny Goodman sideman, Teddy Wilson). In 1951 she became bored with her marriage to the Baron Jules de Koenigswarter, a high-ranking French diplomat, and quit their undemanding posting in Mexico for the excitement and jazz-filled atmosphere of New York.

She made her new home at the Hotel Stanhope, a luxury establishment on Fifth Avenue, commuting from there to the night-clubs of Broadway and 52nd Street by chauffeured limousine. As well as critical appreciation, Nica offered musicians more direct forms of support, offering her exclusive ground-floor suite as a combination of all-night jazz club and freeloader's diner. In return, they paid her the rare compliment of dedicating tunes: Thelonious Monk's "Pannonica", Horace Silver's "Nica's Dream" and Gigi Gryce's "Nica's Tempo" were among the tributes paid by a generally unsentimental breed.

'I'm surrounded by 70 cats. God help us both if they all start mewing at once'

It was at the Stanhope that Nica etched her name on one of the most vivid and enduring of all jazz legends, when she provided the death bed for Charlie Parker, modern jazz's greatest innovator. Parker's demise, while watching a juggler on TV, was briefly to give Nica a high public profile ("Bop King Dies In Heiress's Flat", screamed one of the Manhattan blats), but such visibility was never among her ambitions.

By coincidence, earlier this year and before I had heard of Clint Eastwood's film *Bird*, I began work on a play about Parker's last hours in Nica's flat. Hoping to talk to her, I traced Nica to a phone number in Weehawken, New Jersey. The soft voice that answered explained, following my brief introduction, that he was the butler and would put the baroness on the line.

Would she mind me using her in my play, I asked, and could I interview her? She had no problems about being represented on the stage, she said, but – and she was emphatic here – she had stopped giving interviews 30 years ago and had no desire to change her mind now. At that moment my two cocker spaniels began barking and I apologized for the noise. "Forget it," Nica said warmly. "I'm sitting in my bedroom surrounded by 70 cats. God help us both if they all start mewing at once."

In that throwaway remark, I glimpsed the personality cherished by Parker, Monk and many other great jazz musicians, an insight confirmed with the last letter she sent me. She had used three different-coloured felt tips to thank me for a book I had sent. Writing from "The Cathouse", Nica went on to say that Eastwood had only sent her pictures of the actress playing her *after* filming, and had made her look like a horse. She would sue . . . of course. And there was a further invitation to have a drink in a club with her the next time I was in New York. I was making plans to do it in the new year when I heard of her death. Too late for the whiskey sour, but I shall still write the play.

Barry Fantoni

Cultural quizzes

December is quiz month at the National Gallery, with free brain-teasers daily for adults and children. "After Dark" explores images of night and darkness, and encourages children to discover the work of Guido Reni and Pissaro. "Heavens Above", for adults, takes heavenly creatures as its theme. The children's quiz can be collected from the Quiz Desk at the Orange Street entrance from December 17; the adult one from the Information Desk from next Monday. There will also be Round Robin talks in the galleries and free guided tours with a seasonal touch, focusing on nativity paintings.

BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Just crackers

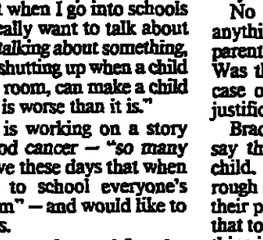
Quality children's crackers are hard to find (He-Man and Transformer variety aside) and many grown-ups prefer them to adult ones containing worthy but dull items such as handkerchiefs and nail files. Fortnum & Mason has some charming Guards crackers in boxes of six for £12.50 – shiny foil soldiers complete with bearskins and moustache – or a single giant Guard cracker with enough gifts for a tableful of the young at heart. They are also worth snapping up for birthday parties since they are one of the few non-seasonal designs.

Star verse

Learn more about the favourite childhood poems of celebrities in *A Child At Heart* (£2.99), the second edition of an anthology of poems picked by well-known people to benefit the British Heart Foundation and the Newsvendors' Benevolent Institution. It began as a class project by 10-year-old pupils at Seymour Junior School, Manchester, and is available through branches of Menzies, W.H. Smith and other newsagents.

Neil Kinnock's is "They walked this road in seasons past/When all the skies were overcast/They breathed defiance as they went/Along those troubled hills of Gwent"; Sir Robin Day likes "I wandered lonely as a cloud . . ."; Jan Leeming is nostalgic about "If I should die, think only this of me . . ."; Princess Alexandra selected "Silver" by Walter de la Mare; and Raymond Briggs chose his own "Fungus the Bogeyman".

Quote me . . .



"Edwina Currie is, in my opinion, an extremely valuable member of the health team and of the Government. It may be that many members of this house are envious of her natural gift of obtaining publicity."

Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health

Dirty linen

Apparently we no longer have time to even throw our clothes into a washing machine, let alone wait for the spin dry. So the Association of British Laundries has come up with an inspired time-saver: Laundry Maid gift tokens. A £5 token will allow the fortunate recipient to arrange one laundry collection and delivery service from his or her local domestic laundry. Telephone 01-863 9178 for details.

Ethnic exotica

Silver jewellery from Thai hill tribes and woven Burmese kalagas are among the exotic gifts to be found at Ends of the Earth. Its Christmas exhibition and sale continues until December 24 at The Bookshop, 32 Thames Street, Hampton, Middlesex every day including Sunday, or send for a catalogue with an SAE to PO Box 31, Hampton, Middlesex TW12 2NW (01-979 9979). The jewellery costs from £5, the kalagas – richly embroidered collages of mythological figures in padded relief, with sequins, braid, glass and velvet – from £15. Janet Willoughby, managing director, scavenges across the world for bargains, and her latest coup is Lan Na shawls in the design of the ancient Lan Na Kingdom of northern Thailand, hand-woven by villagers for the shop for £25.

Clunk clic

Makers of Le Clic, the colourfully sporty camera, have produced a new "Tuff All-weather" variation for around £60. It resists rain, dust and sand, and even floats. And specially designed for junior photographers are brightly coloured, sturdy Kodak Gimini cameras at £9.95.

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'EITHER THAT kitchen goes or I go,' was my welcome home from Jill the other night. She'd had the cutlery all over the floor out of that sticky drawer, 'and as for that door under the sink that won't stay shut – look at my shins.'

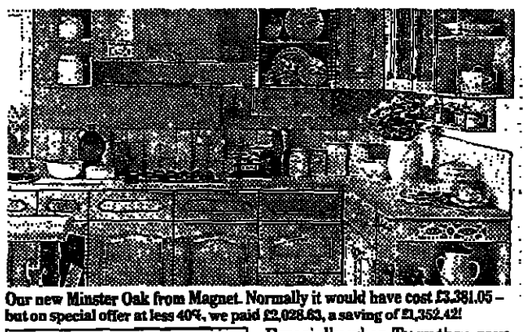
New wives being in shorter supply than new kitchens, we found ourselves at our local Magnet on Saturday morning.

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by Owen Mathews

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"Happy"

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Next thing our new kitchen appeared on the computer's drawingboard. Not one of those flat plans you see on graph paper, but a proper perspective plan as if we were standing at the door looking into the room.

'Happy?' Yes we were, very. Especially when Terry then gave us a free bottle of champagne, with Magnet's compliments. And what would that particular layout for the Minster Oak cost us? At the touch of a button an accurate costing was clattering out of the printer. 'Remember, we've still to take off the 40% special offer!'

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TIMES DIARY

MARTIN FLETCHER

Is it me or is it the Conservative Party that is cynical? Why is it that memorial services for MPs always seem to be held in the week of the by-elections that their deaths have caused? Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, MP for Kensington, died on May 18 this year. His memorial service, attended by the Prime Minister and the Tory great and good, was held on July 11, and the by-election three days later. Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP for Epping Forest, died on September 17. His memorial service is to be held next Tuesday, and the by-election two days later. These occasions naturally spawn sympathy and good publicity, and serve as timely reminders to the voters of how well they had been served.

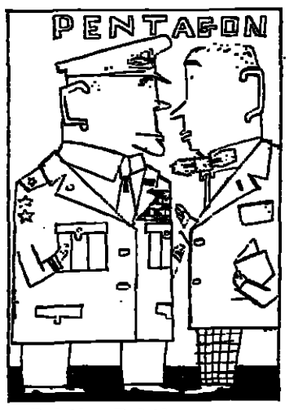
Sir John's memorial service, incidentally, is to be held at Westminster Cathedral, which poses a dilemma for those Unionist MPs whose cause he so fervently supported. For such committed loyalists to enter a Roman Catholic cathedral would cause as much of a sensation as the presence at two Catholic requiem masses of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, an elder of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland. The word is that as much as they respected Sir John, the Unionists will stay away.

The Labour Party is permanently in financial straits, but matters have now become decidedly serious: its creditors are losing patience. It has an overdraft of roughly £1.5 million, and the Cooperative Bank has demanded that it make a £400,000 surplus next year. Larry Whitty, the general secretary, has been having urgent budget meetings with his directors. Most vacancies have been frozen, including two in the press office. This has provoked an official dispute with the NUJ branch at the party's Walworth Road headquarters. It also explains the almost unprecedented decision not to have a full-time party press officer at the Epping Forest by-election — a decision that has left senior MPs at Westminster seething.

● If Edwina Currie is the *bête noire* of the British egg industry, her Tory colleague Nicholas Soames, is its champion. At 11am each day the Crawley MP eats a raw egg mixed with tabasco, Worcester sauce and a smidgeon of sherry, and has done so for many years. He is, he declares, a "salmonella-free zone" and will not allow Mrs Currie's strictures to change the habit.

William Hague, the Tory candidate in the forthcoming Richmond by-election, enchanted the Prime Minister when, as a 16-year-old, he addressed the 1977 Tory party conference. He pleased her less when she met him at a Carlton Club reception the other day. First he expressed concern about the plight of farmers. Mrs Thatcher retorted that farmers had little to worry about. Then, when she asked when he thought the by-election should be held, he suggested before the Budget next March, clearly implying that he thought that Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, would have little good news to impart. Mrs Thatcher was not amused. "Oh ye of little faith," she admonished him.

BARRY FANTONI



'Red Alert, Red Alert . . peace is about to break out'

What do you give to the wife of the second most powerful man in the world if your upper limit is £50? That is the problem facing Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary, who will be escorting Raisa Gorbachov around London next week. Soviet law rules out a more expensive gift. When the Gorbachovs stopped over at RAF Brize Norton last December Baker gave her a Dickens first edition. When he visited the Soviet Union this summer they did not meet but he took her a book of British landscape illustrations bound by the London College of Printing. This time round the head-scratching is still going on.

In the old days it would have made headline news. Nowadays it only just scrapes into diaries. Humphry Berkeley has changed parties yet again. Tory MP for Lancaster for seven years, he fought North Fylde for Labour in 1974 and Southend East for the SDP in 1987. He has now written to Neil Kinnock saying that in view of what has happened to the old Alliance parties he realizes he should have stayed with Labour and could he possibly rejoin? That Kinnock has said yes may not be unconnected with the last paragraph of Berkeley's letter: "At the age of 62, I do not intend to stand for Parliament again."

● The "greening" of politics and water privatization has inevitably thrust Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, into the limelight. One recurring line of the many newspaper profiles is that he is an expert embroiderer. Ridley, baffled, says he has never put a needle through anything.

John Wakeham, Leader of the House, will soon issue a Commons written answer with alarming implications. Tory MP Andrew Mackay had his camelhair overcoat stolen from the Members' Cloakroom the other day. He subsequently asked Wakeham to list all items stolen from the Palace of Westminster in the last 12 months, and has been reliably informed that it will be a very long answer. Public access to large areas of the Palace, including the Members' Cloakroom, is strictly prohibited.

Michael Evans assesses the conflicting approaches to troop cuts

Fine sums in no man's land

Nato is at last getting its act together in the most difficult area of arms control: the reduction of conventional forces. In Brussels this week foreign ministers will study a detailed package of arms-cut proposals which have been drawn up by officials after months of often acrimonious debate within the alliance. If approved, the proposals will be presented as the alliance's opening shot when negotiations with the Warsaw Pact begin next year.

Until now the Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachov, has made all the running. At the Washington summit last December he proposed to President Reagan that the imbalance between the two sides — such as the Soviet superiority in tanks and artillery — should be sorted out, followed by a cut in troop levels of 500,000 on each side. He then talked of both sides reducing to a level sufficient to maintain a purely defensive capability.

It was one of Gorbachov's grand gestures. But in arms control terms it was meaningless. Where was the detail? Which tanks would he agree to remove? Would they be the ones peering over the border in East Germany in combat-ready units or perhaps the thousands of older generation tanks kept in store?

Nato military chiefs have always emphasized that merely reducing numbers would not lead to greater security. The object is to eliminate the ability to carry out a surprise attack and breakthrough, a capability which the Warsaw Pact countries currently have. To achieve that goal in an arms control framework, it is necessary to remove whole units.

Nato's task was clearly to counter the Gorbachov offer with some detailed poposals. These are now nearing completion. Officials in Brussels today will be attempting to finalize the package so that it can be studied by the foreign ministers at the North Atlantic Council meeting tomorrow and Friday.

It has not been an easy exercise. Some Nato members, such as Norway and Turkey, have expressed concern that too much attention was being focused on forces in Central Europe. They have a legitimate argument. If there are to be cuts, they must be shared equally, so that the north and south flanks benefit too.

The Nato package also has to satisfy several criteria. It must be equitable, fair and sustainable. It must also be presented in a way that will be easily digested by the general public.

Gorbachov has already agreed the basic principle that the side with most weapons and capabilities will also have to make the biggest cuts. But if the Nato proposals are weighted too heavily against the Soviet Union, Gorbachov will be able to reject them without losing much face.

So Nato has to offer something in return. One proposal, which seems likely to meet with the foreign ministers' approval, is for each side to scale down to 20,000 tanks. That would mean a 10 per cent reduction for Nato, if the stored tanks are included. But for the Warsaw Pact it would mean withdrawing more than 31,000. Could Gorbachov agree to such a move? And what about the more restless members of the Warsaw Pact? They have already indicated that when the new Conventional Stability Talks start in Vienna next year, they will expect to take a much more independent line than they did in the previous non-nuclear arms negotiations, the fruitless Mutual Balanced Force Reduction (MBFR) talks.

Gorbachov will have to take into account a whole number of difficult political arguments. For example, Soviet troops are not deployed in Eastern Europe merely to face up to Nato. They also have a constabulary role. What repercussions would there be if Soviet garrisons were withdrawn from disaffected countries such as Hungary?

On the face of it, Nato has little to offer Gorbachov in terms of force reductions, because all the advantages are on the side of the Warsaw Pact. The Soviet military keep arguing that Nato has more "strike" aircraft. But that argument holds water only if you remove from the counting rules all the Soviet aircraft assigned to an air defence role. That makes little sense, especially since most aircraft today have a multi-role capability.

However, the alliance holds one trump card. The choice of Gorbachov as Soviet leader in 1985 signalled the Politburo's recognition that the Soviet Union was in deep trouble, especially economically. There has been consistently strong support in the Politburo since 1985 for modernization of the Soviet economy.

This remains Gorbachov's greatest political asset . . . and also the West's. For it is clear that, above all, Gorbachov has to avoid large increases in military expenditure as the Soviet economy is revived. At present the Soviet Union is continuing to produce enough tanks and artillery to re-equip about one division and four artillery regiments every month.

Unlike nuclear weapons, conventional forces are money-intensive. It is in Gorbachov's interest to demobilize some of the 37,000 Soviet tanks in Europe and the troops that go with them.

So the foundation for an equitable arms control agreement already exists. Gorbachov may dispute the force comparisons published by Nato last month which claimed Warsaw Pact superiority in every field. But he cannot afford to reject out of hand a proposal for both sides to have equal numbers of tanks and artillery. Equality of forces is a difficult concept to oppose, especially if you are trying to win the hearts and minds of Western public opinion. This is particularly true for Gorbachov, whose foreign policy is based on an apparent commitment to arms control and peace.

Although Nato now appears to be better prepared for the battle ahead, especially if the foreign ministers are able to approve the Brussels package, there is one unknown factor which causes anxiety within the alliance. What if Gorbachov were to make some unilateral gesture, such as the withdrawal of a division or two from Eastern Europe? Would this severely test the cohesion of the alliance?

It cannot be ruled out. Perhaps Gorbachov might hint at such a move when he addresses the United Nations General Assembly in New York today. But it seems unlikely. Facing serious domestic problems and a continuing reluctance on the part of the Soviet military to give anything away, he can ill afford to be too generous to Nato without getting something in return.

Conor Cruise O'Brien

Discord that pays dividends

Mrs Thatcher is accused of over-reaction in her dealings with the Belgian and Irish governments over the Ryan extradition affair. Somehow, we never seem to hear about *under*-reaction as a danger in the response of a democratic government to a terrorist campaign. Yet it may be that under-reaction, combined with incessant warnings against the dangers of over-reaction, has done more than anything else to enable the Provisional IRA to sustain its terrorist offensive for nearly two decades.

Mrs Thatcher has, in the past, been uncertain in some of her responses to terrorism, as in her government's deplorable response when the Libyan embassy became a base for terrorist activity in the heart of London. On Northern Ireland, she and her senior advisers, about four years ago, began to listen to the siren song of John Hume, leader of the SDLP. The song is entitled "The Alienation of the Minority". The singer implores the Government to end this alienation, in which case peace and harmony will ensue. On the other hand, to seek "to impose a military solution" would lead to disaster.

In short, the best way to combat the IRA is through concessions to Northern Ireland's Catholics. And these concessions often turn out to be measures — like the abolition of supergrass trials — which in fact make it *harder* to combat the IRA.

When she signed the Anglo-Irish Agreement at Hillsborough just over three years ago, Mrs Thatcher was listening to that song, captivated by the melody, and not quite understanding the words. As time went on, however, she seems to have become aware — though without acknowledging the fact — that she had been conned.

For the British, "ending the alienation of the minority" implied that the Catholic/nationalist minority, once certain grievances had been removed, would become loyal British citizens, co-operating with the security forces. But for the Catholic/nationalist side, the end of alienation meant something quite different. It meant a prolonged agenda, consisting of a series of official concessions to them, *without* their ever co-operating with the security forces in the struggle against the IRA.

And the last item on that long agenda is a united Ireland, which is also the IRA objective. The IRA and the alienation-ending specialists of the SDLP have a common objective, and their differences about means are more apparent than real. As Sinn Fein's Danny Morrison pointed out this year — during that long round of Sinn Fein-SDLP talks — the SDLP's political power "rests on the back of the IRA".

Near the end of the second year of the agreement, Mrs Thatcher had to be aware of Sir Charles Carter's dictum that in Northern Ireland it "alienated the majority without reconciling the minority". During the first two years of the agreement, the IRA offensive, far from subsiding, increased in intensity, causing more deaths than in the two years immediately before it. Then, just a week before the second anniversary of the agreement, came the Remembrance Day massacre at Enniskillen.



After Enniskillen, the Government changed course, without announcing that it was doing so. The idea of fighting the IRA by actually fighting was back in favour. The belief that the best way to combat the IRA was through concessions to the "constitutional nationalists" had been discredited, as a result of bitter experience.

It is against that background that Mrs Thatcher's sharpish treatment of Charles Haughey over Ryan has to be seen. Once it became apparent that the Hillsborough agreement, in its effects inside Northern Ireland, had failed, then almost all that remained in its favour, from a British point of view, was as an instrument for security co-operation between London and Dublin against the IRA. And the test of reliability of that co-operation has become the readiness, or unreadiness, of the Dublin authorities to extradite to Britain persons wanted there to face trial for IRA-related offences. So the Ryan case is a test of such validity as the agreement may retain.

It has been rightly said that Irish public opinion is ambivalent about extradition. It is also argued that, because of that ambivalence, this question must be handled with the greatest tact and diplomacy, which have not, in the Ryan case, been forthcoming from Mrs Thatcher. Now, the ambivalence is a fact, but the inference that ambivalence must of its nature be tactfully handled does not follow. The management of other people's ambivalence is an art which may, on occasion, require a brusque rebuke, rather than a gentle hint. And the Ryan case is surely an occasion for the brusque approach. Mrs Thatcher has the right instinct there.

There is clearly a *prima facie* case against Ryan as a probable specialist in the service of the IRA terror campaign. The Belgian police found him in flagrant possession of various articles, including timing devices, whose presence at his place of residence hardly admits of an innocent explanation.

In the circumstances, Britain was entitled to expect help from other governments which profess to be committed to the struggle against terrorism in bringing Ryan to trial. In this case, Britain got no such co-operation from either Belgium or the Republic of Ireland. The action of the Belgian government was abject. It got him off its hands in such a manner as to run no risk of revenge against Belgian targets. So far the conduct of the Irish government has been, at best, disquieting and equivocal. No *final* verdict on its conduct is possible, as Ryan may yet, after all, be extradited.

It is argued that, however understandable Mrs Thatcher's anger, her expression of that anger, in dealing with Haughey, has been counter-productive, since it united the opposition and Irish public opinion behind him. But while plausible, this interpretation is superficial, as Haughey knows better than anyone. Those who blame Mrs Thatcher today may blame Haughey tomorrow.

Ambivalence tends to manifest itself in successive and contradictory ways. This has appeared in the course of Anglo-Irish relations over the last 30 years. Anti-British peaks — for example, immediately after Bloody Sunday in 1972, and after the deaths of the hunger strikers — are followed, not indeed by pro-British peaks, but by sustained efforts, on the Irish side, to get relations back to normal.

That Anglo-Irish relations should be good is even more important for the Irish than for the British. At the time of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, polls showed that it was overwhelmingly popular in the Republic, not because people thought it would help in Northern Ireland — few believed it would — but because they thought it would put relations between Dublin and London on a more satisfactory basis.

That is why the agreement was, and is, popular in the Republic, and why Haughey did not attempt to dismantle it. If Haughey's handling of the extradition question is felt in the Republic to be causing a substantial deterioration in Anglo-Irish relations, then his leadership is likely to be called into question once more. The fact that he is again taking a stand that is popular with the IRA will not, if sustained, be popular with most of his voters.

In short, if Anglo-Irish relations are to improve, in the longer term, then periods of disimprovement in the shorter term may help towards better understanding and better co-operation, even in the matter of extradition.

Commentary • ROBIN OAKLEY

Benefit and doubter

The egg affair demonstrates the danger of having Edwina Currie in your team. But the lady does reach the parts that other ministers do not. And she signals directly what other ministers only dare whisper from behind the arras.

I suspect, therefore, that her remarks on child benefit to a BBC radio interviewer at the weekend represent the start of a Tory row that will reverberate still when we are all tucking into omelettes again with never a thought of salmonella.

Child benefit, she said, was "not doing the job it was intended to do". It had been brought in to help children at a time of bad diet and dangerous diseases such as diphtheria and polio. Now many wealthier families no longer needed the money and used it only to foster unhealthy habits.

Leaving aside the question of how rampant diphtheria, polio and malnutrition were when the Labour government in 1977 developed a Tory idea and introduced child benefit, Mrs Currie's implication was clear. Child benefit, frozen for the second year in a row, should be allowed to wither on the vine. Then, after the next election, the 1987 manifesto commitment to continue paying it "as now" can be scrapped and the money sensibly redirected to those in genuine need.

That is the growing belief of some in the Treasury and of Tories who buy the "Duchess of Westminster" argument that we don't need an expensive benefit that goes to the super-rich along with the struggling. But their conviction that child benefit is on the way out may be a little premature. They have not reckoned with the corps of Conservative women, or with the group of Tory MPs and at least one minister who are prepared to put their careers on the line on this issue. And can they really be sure of one key factor — having the leader of the "party of the family" with them?

After all, it was not some wet but Mrs Thatcher herself who boasted in the Commons in June 1983 that the increase in child benefit to its highest ever real value was "evidence of our commitment to the family". It was she who emphasized that any system of taxing child benefit "would inevitably be more complicated than the present system".

And it was Mrs Thatcher who made the case for child benefit as concisely as anyone when she told MPs: "It has for long been the view of all parties that our tax and benefit system should recognize the needs of families with children, and should differentiate between such families and those without responsibilities for children. Child tax allowances achieved this but gave no help to families below the tax threshold. Family allowances did not recognize the first child. Child benefit, which replaced both allowances, was introduced with the support of all parties."

Child benefit for some 12 million children goes to about 6.8 million households at a cost of nearly £5 billion a year. It is universal, tax-free and ill-targeted. It doesn't help the poorest since those out of work and on income support have their benefit cut by the equivalent amount. For years Treasury ministers have longed to abolish it, tax it, or claw it back from the rich. But even freezing it has led to Tory rebellions in the Commons.

Why? To answer that we have to go back to Mrs Currie's point about the "job it was intended to do". And that job was not just to help the poorest but to help *families*. As Norman Fowler said when he was trying to reform the social security payments jungle, it "provides the only recognition in the tax or benefit system of the extra cost of having children." And child benefit is one of the cheapest ways of helping low-paid families, especially when two incomes with two mouths to feed have become one income with three mouths to feed.

Some do not see children as a national asset and argue that those who become parents are choosing an expensive hobby which they should pay for themselves. But there is no sign yet that Mrs Thatcher shares that view. She has agreed that child benefit, at £7.25 to all, is better than the child tax allowance which it replaced. After all, that gave the Duchess of Westminster and others on higher-rate taxes *more* than average families. And many Tory women root for child benefit because it is paid directly to the mother. Studies show that women are far readier than men to spend such money on a child's much needed pair of shoes; quite apart from the "hidden poverty" problem of women with mean husbands.

Child benefit is paid swiftly, a point of some significance in our divorce-ridden society when a deserted mother may suddenly be left penniless with mouths to feed. Take-up is 100 per cent compared with the 50 or 60 per cent take-up of means-tested benefits such as family income supplement which can mean that children go hungry because of parents' pride or ignorance.

In many ways it seems logical that child benefit should be taxed. That could save some £1 billion a year for spending on the truly needy. But how easy will it be for the "party of the family", after all its tax-cutting, to start taxing families with children more than families without children?

Those who have discussed the issues at regional conferences and women's club suppers have no doubt that the legions of Tory women are ready to swing into action again if the future of child benefit is threatened. And in a parliamentary session which leaves potential Tory rebels little to bite on save soccer identity cards, child benefit unites voices from the Tory left and right.

There is a perfectly respectable case for scrapping child benefit, if the decision is accompanied by the right action to meet the accompanying problems. What is making the Tory troops restless is that they keep getting a whiff of plans to do away with the benefit without being given any clear idea of what might replace it. If the Government does want to move in that direction, the time has surely come for it to come out from behind the arras and make those arguments openly.

DEC 7 ON THIS DAY 1882

When Anthony Trollope died The Times *printed not only a long obituary (of which this is an extract), but also a leading article. In each case his novels were examined critically and, in the main, favourably. Both articles also praised his human qualities. Many authors are admired but by no means all are liked, even loved.*

ANTHONY TROLLOPE

Our readers will hear with deep regret of the death of Mr Anthony Trollope. Seized suddenly at the dinner table, only a very few weeks ago, with something in the nature of a paralytic attack, from the first, anxiety was felt as to his recovery.

Mr Trollope was far from being an old man, and might well have looked forward to further years of activity. He was born on the 24th of April in the famous "Waterloo year", and was a son of the gifted lady who wrote "Widow Barnaby", and whose observations on the manners of our Transatlantic kinsfolk caused such dire indignation to the citizens of the Union. He had been educated at Winchester and Harrow; and shortly after leaving school, was appointed to a clerkship in the Post Office...

Of his novels we must say that he was never guilty of the deadly mistake of becoming dull by aiming at being over-deep or metaphysical, and he had cultivated the faculty of being entertaining. And within certain definite limits, though the limits were by no means narrow, the range of versatility was wonderful. The books that first brought him substantial profit and fame were "The Warden", and "Barchester Towers", which are ecclesiastical rather than religious. We might have fancied that the author had been swaddled in surplices and cradled to the cawing of the rooks in some shady cathedral close. When asked how he managed to make himself so at home among the clergy, he answered that he had trusted less to knowledge than to invention. As for his doctors, what can be better than his representations of consultations and death-bed scenes? He has enriched our English fiction with characters destined to survive... There is that most autocratic among ecclesiastical dignitaries, the Rev Mrs Proudie, the very much better half of the Bishop of Barchester. There are fascinating scamps like Mr Sowerby and commercial travellers like Moulder; there are *nouveau riches* like Scatcherd and strong-minded spinsters like Miss Dunstable; and such embodiments of maidenly beauty and good-humoured innocence as Lucy Robartes and Grace Crawley and Lily Dale, which surprise us as being realized rather than idealized by a middle-aged gentleman. In our opinion and, we believe, in his own, the most perfect novel Mr Trollope ever wrote was his "Last Chronicle of Barset", and its chief defect was the introduction of a subsidiary story to spin it out to the regulation three-volume length. Mr Trollope has gone, and it will be hard to fill his place as the brightest among the contributors of fiction to our most popular periodicals. But those who will miss him most are the many personal friends to whom he was endeared by his kindly nature and his genial manners; and we cannot resist a melancholy suspicion that if he had relaxed a little sooner he might have been spared to us the longer....

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THE BIG SACK

For one respected City institution the waves from the Big Bang of October 1986 and the Big Crash of October 1987 have reached the edge of the pool; 450 dealers and support staff from the once great banking house of Morgan Grenfell are to lose their jobs.

The sackings yesterday were no more than the City had been expecting. The amount of business which is currently available to the securities houses is a mere fraction of that which they need to cover their overheads.

All the big houses have been holding back, waiting for somebody else to admit defeat. The news that the first to lose its nerve was Morgan Grenfell will raise few eyebrows inside the Square Mile. The company had ambitions beyond its means. But the loss to market-making of so prestigious a name will certainly bring home to outsiders how risky the City became after Big Bang. Those who envied the fast cars and salaries of the dealers may now take a rather different attitude to their letters of notice.

Estimates of the degree of losses being suffered by the securities industry as a whole run up to £500 million a year. None of the big firms is making an adequate return on capital. Across the City, from Docklands to Victoria, vast, expensive dealing rooms stand, not idle, but half empty. A system designed to handle £2.5 billion of share trading every day is barely ticking over at half that level.

One leading securities house, Barclays de Zoete Wedd, has admitted that it costs £750,000 per day to cover its overheads, to keep its screens alight and its dealers at their desks. At present, the commission income of the whole City is only twice that figure.

To trace the origins of today's troubles one has to look behind Big Bang to the deal done between the Government and the former chairman of the Stock Exchange, Sir Nicholas Goodison. Until two years ago, stockbrokers operated as a large cottage industry, with great economy of capital and still greater restrictive practices. To cut short a legal action over those practices, the Stock Exchange agreed to allow outsiders to move into and break up the established cartel.

Into an edifice, supported perhaps by £500 million of partnership capital, there roared clearing banks, American, European and Japanese finance houses. They pumped in billions, inflating salaries and spending wildly on offices and computers.

They made the mistake, as Morgan Grenfell made the mistake, of believing that business would grow and grow. For a while, they appeared to be right. In the months after Big Bang, business soared.

Commission income, however, was always hard to come by. The big investing institutions, the pension funds and the insurance companies, played one hungry investment house off against another and extracted tighter and tighter terms of trade. When Big Bang turned to Big Crash on October 19 1987, their income crumbled.

The big eight securities houses which account for three quarters of the business are likely to stand their ground and slug it out. Like the corner grocers of a generation ago, however, the smaller firms, even those owned by wealthy conglomerates, are set to see their position steadily worsen. For the American banks, it will be a familiar pattern. The same thing happened on Wall Street in the 1970s.

Again, just like the supermarkets, market shares will be decided by a combination of price and service. The price war has already begun. The big market makers are forced to "narrow the spread" (the difference between bid and offered prices) to buy the business.

This does nothing to generate additional business. It merely redistributes it around the increasingly desperate players. Job losses in the City, already counted in thousands, may reach 50,000. But when capacity is brought more into line with demand, those that remain will be all the healthier for it.

CALCULATING ERRORS

The miscalculation at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital which led to 207 patients being given excessive doses of radiation was a tragic accident. The health authority has accepted "a breach of duty" as well as 21 recommendations for the future.

It is to be hoped that the action taken locally and the measures introduced nationally by the Department of Health will restore public confidence in both the hospital and the therapy involved. That may not be easy.

The failures occurred at almost every stage. The overdoses were caused by a wrongly calibrated telecobalt machine. This implies an error by the man who was responsible and an inadequate system for checking and cross-checking the instrumentation.

This has been partially attributed to staff shortages. In a department treating as many as 1,600 patients annually, there should have been two medical physicists plus the head of the department. In fact there was only one — and a departmental chief who was qualified in a related discipline rather than the precise one of radio-therapy.

Whatever the strength of this factor, the original fault was compounded by an inexplicable delay, first in realizing that anything was wrong and then in identifying the cause of it. Even after a staff nurse reported alarming symptoms among some of the patients in her charge, almost a fortnight elapsed before the faulty calibration was detected.

A further 10 days went by before the errors in dosage were made known. The full scale of the disaster did not become clear until yesterday when the two official reports were finally published. According to one of the reports, by Professor Sir Bryan Thwaites, the confusion over numbers arose because of the failure of consultants to check all their patients' notes.

The insensitive way in which the patients were allowed to learn (through television) of the error, suggests a failing which lies beyond the realm of manpower and money. It implies a bureaucratic failure which has been apparent throughout this unhappy affair

There remains the sensitive issue of compensation. This should be both swift and generous. Given the authority's readiness to meet its obligations, there is no reason why in this case it should not be so.

But the events serve to resurrect the question of a national "no fault" compensation scheme as put forward by the Pearson Commission 10 years ago. Operated as a form of insurance, funded by the medical and pharmaceutical organizations, it would provide those who have suffered through medical accidents, a speedier and surer form of compensation than at present.

Victims too often have to start litigation to prove liability — and risk heavy legal costs. A "no fault" scheme would cut waiting time and ensure that the money went directly to the victim, and not to teams of lawyers.

Yesterday's statement by Mrs Currie on behalf of the Department of Health acknowledged that there were lessons to be learnt. That is true. But a more equitable general scheme of compensation deserves adding to the Government's agenda.

THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT

Each utterance from the National Curriculum Council produces howls of unreasonable protest in reply. If Mr Kenneth Baker is really aiming to produce a nation of guaranteed Nobel and Booker prize-winners, he will, indeed, turn out a failure. If by more modest criteria he is to be judged, he stands to succeed.

When his distinguished predecessor, Sir Keith Joseph, laid the foundations for both the national curriculum and the GCSE, employers were becoming increasingly disturbed at the educational standards of school-leavers. They were demanding that 16-year-olds applying for jobs were literate and numerate, understood the new technologies and had a grasp of basic science. Parents simply wanted their children to do as well as they could.

That is what the national curriculum, with its accompanying assessment tests, is setting out to achieve. The pressure groups are already hard at work to prove that higher aims are not being met.

The Engineering Council led the attack yesterday, accusing Mr Baker of creating a loophole in the national curriculum by insisting that some pupils should spend less time studying science than others. Mr Jack Straw, riding on their coat-tails, has claimed wildly that the proposed new "short science course" was being used as a way of solving teacher shortages.

Their argument is that the short course of 12.5 per cent of the timetable undermines the notion of science for all and will not prepare people for A levels in the single sciences so that they can move on to university. Until now, however, many pupils have been doing no science at all. The short course might encourage young people eventually to choose a career in science — something they would never have considered before.

These same reluctant scientists could easily have been put off science altogether had they been forced to attend classes taking up time that could have been better spent by them learning a modern language. The really keen scientist can spend even more than 20 per cent of his time in the school laboratory by using some of the 30 per cent of the timetable that will fall outside the national curriculum.

Critics originally complained that the national curriculum would dominate the timetable, squeezing out minority subjects and inhibiting innovation. They now seem to be saying that insufficient time is being allowed for their own favoured subjects.

The National Curriculum Council itself insisted on rehearsing the arguments as to why the "long science" course would be better. This point is readily accepted. But Mr Baker also has to accept realistically that the majority of pupils will opt for the short course because it fits more easily with other pressing demands on school time.

Despite the best efforts of a resistant educational establishment, the Education Reform Act is gradually moving from the statute book into the classroom. The final decisions on the precise nature of science and mathematics courses for five to 16 will be published in the spring, with English and craft design technology following during the year. A working party on history is being set up. Language and geography will follow.

Earlier groups were often not rigorous enough in setting out what children should be taught and too imprecise when it came to setting tasks to determine exactly what children knew. The new groups should accept from the beginning that it is not just Mr Baker who is keen to put traditional methods back in the classroom, even if they do not fit the ideology of the sixties when the educational establishment received its training.

Personal touch

From Mr J. T. W. Veall

Sir, Almost a year ago (December 11, 1987) Dr Lionel Dakers wrote to the effect that he was unable to quickly identify the senders of quite a number of Christmas cards he received because he could not remember, for example, John and Mary or their whereabouts.

Perhaps people sending cards to Dr Dakers this year, and who are not too sure that he will remember them, would like to adopt my system and use the ubiquitous printed gummed label, not on the card itself, for to my mind this destroys the personal touch, but on the inside of the envelope in which the card is despatched, a method which is both discreet and effective.

Yours sincerely,
J. T. W. VEALL,
17 Harrison Close,
Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
November 25.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sterilisation without giving consent

From Miss Sarah Leigh

Sir, In your report of December 3 on the case of "F", a severely mentally-handicapped woman of 35 who, a judge has ruled, may be lawfully sterilised, you quoted Sir Brian Rix's call for an inquiry into this case and his disbelief that such an order could be made.

I acted as F's solicitor, on her mother's instructions, in making this application to the court, and protest on her behalf against any suggestion that this decision has not been very carefully made. Everyone concerned has treated F as a patient entitled to medical treatment like other women in the same medical situation, but unable to make her own decision to undergo it. The decision has been made for her with great care by a High Court judge, Mr Justice Scott Baker.

F is having the operation because she needs contraception and other methods are no longer medically possible. Her doctors are no longer prepared to prescribe the contraceptive pill because (apart from her age) tests showed that it was adversely affecting her physical health.

The only alternative would have been to wait until she actually got pregnant, in which case she might have found herself carrying the child for several months before an order to terminate the pregnancy could be obtained. We were advised that this would be dangerous for her health.

F's mother wanted her instead to have a laparoscopic sterilisation (a simple and virtually painless procedure). Her medical and legal advisers all felt that the decision should not be made under acute pressure of time. It took just over six months from the time we were instructed to the making of the order.

We interviewed three doctors and four nurses concerned in her care, most of whom have cared for her for a number of years. We communicated every item of information obtained to the Official Solicitor (who acted as *amicus*) so that any argument against the operation could be ventilated in court.

We instructed as expert a professor in mental handicap who is known to have been resistant to decisions to sterilise in other cases and told her that we wanted an entirely independent report on what was right for F. She read F's medical notes, interviewed her and the people caring for her, and came to the conclusion that sterilisation was the the only sensible solution.

The judge then spent a week listening to evidence from a total of six doctors and one nurse, covering every relevant detail of F's gynaecological and psychiatric needs and treatment and argument from counsel instructed by us, the health authority concerned, and the Official Solicitor. He also came to the conclusion that it was right for F to have the operation.

Sir Brian's concern about the state of the law is entirely understandable; there is no legal machinery for obtaining consent to give non-emergency treatment to patients who cannot themselves consent to it. (There is no one who could lawfully consent to my client taking the contraceptive pill, for example.) This means that mentally-handicapped people do not get access to medical treatment on the same terms as the rest of us. But in this particular case I suggest that the last thing F needs is another inquiry.

Yours faithfully,
SARAH LEIGH,
Leighs (Solicitors),
37 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.
December 5.

Campus free speech

From Mr Edward Thomas

Sir, It is only a year or so since the Government introduced the "code of conduct" to maintain the principle of free speech in institutions of higher education. However, recent incidents demonstrate that further measures need to be taken in order to combat student rioting.

On December 1, Mr Henri Raubenheimer spoke at Southampton University on ways of ending apartheid. Since he was a counsellor from the South African Embassy, the meeting was controversial and classified as a "designated event". Towards the end of the meeting the chairman ordered stewards to eject an individual under the "code". Within seconds proceedings had degenerated into a brawl and several stewards were attacked by a number of students.

This event and others, such as the Tebbit fiasco at North London Polytechnic, indicate that the Government must take action. It is totally unacceptable that students and university administrators acting as stewards should be subjected to this kind of violence. The time has come for the police to assume these law-enforcing responsibilities and ensure that molestation is not allowed to hijack freedom of speech.

Yours sincerely,
EDWARD THOMAS,
Southampton University,
Students Union,
University Road,
Highfield,
Southampton, Hampshire.
December 2.

From the Director of the Polytechnic of North London

Sir, Your Diary column (November 25) mentioned the invitation by the PNL Conservative students to John Carlisle, MP, to talk on "human rights" in South Africa. The Diary also said that Mr Carlisle would accept the invitation only "on condition" that I personally shared the platform with him.

I did receive a letter from Mr Carlisle inviting me to share his platform to ensure that he received a fair hearing under the terms of the Education Act. In my reply to Mr Carlisle I made it clear that the Act does not require me (or indeed any polytechnic director or university vice-chancellor) to share platforms with visiting speakers and that I did not intend to do so in this case.

I assured him that the polytechnic would carry out its obligations under the Act, however repugnant I myself and many staff and students find Mr Carlisle's views. In the event, Mr Carlisle informed us yesterday that, as I was not prepared to share his platform, he would not be coming.

There are more than 7,500 students at PNL. All but a handful of these, and all our 1,000 teaching and non-teaching staff, want to get on with their work. They are becoming increasingly annoyed at being used — by right and left alike — as a battleground for their political feuds. The place for these is elsewhere. Education, not fringe politics, is our business.

Yours faithfully,
LESLIE WAGNER, Director,
Polytechnic of North London,
Holloway Road, N7.
November 29.

Opera rebuff

From Mr Denis Vaughan

Sir, Bernard Levin's renunciation (December 2) of half the important operatic repertoire is understandable. Once he has explored an opera completely, revisiting it is like trying to revive an old love affair.

But his feeling of surfeit is really a comment on current performance standards. Very good general standards throughout Europe do not replace the element of the unforgettable, which really should characterise some part of every performance. Every opera at its highest should be a vehicle for this stillness.

If a sense of timelessness is achieved, only for a few moments in an evening's opera, one can return to it untold times, listening through the outer apparatus of the work to the real message of the music inside. The voice can achieve this better than any other instrument.

Dame Joan Sutherland once said to me: "All I'm interested in is being able to float the voice, which after all is what it's all about". Von Hoffmansthal put it in *Der Rosenkavalier*. "*in dem 'Wie' — da liegt der ganze Unterschied*" ("in *how* it is done — there lies the whole difference").

Yours sincerely,
DENIS VAUGHAN,
41 Floral Street, WC2.
December 2.

False economy

From Professor Emeritus Peter Clemoes

Sir, When I went into a shop the other day I left my bicycle propped against the kerb outside. I spent a good deal of time inside agonizing over two articles with a £20 price difference between them, before deciding that virtue lay in choosing the cheaper.

When I got outside I found my bicycle had been damaged by a passing car. It's costing me £20 to have it put right.

Yours faithfully,
PETER CLEMOES,
14 Church Street,
Chesterton, Cambridge.
November 28.

Namibian outlook

From Mr Randolph Vigne

Sir, After ceaseless efforts to discredit Swapo as the national liberation movement of Namibia, the weapons of Mr Robert Chambers (November 24) are unchanged — with his abusive allegations against Swapo, which even the South African Army see as the future Government of Namibia. The substance of these attacks Swapo has dealt with again and again, often through visits of observer delegations to its exile centres.

Such abuse is juxtaposed with praise for the Namibians who came to terms with South African occupation. Any hope that Mr Chambers's organization will allow the democratic process to be the judge in his case against Swapo he destroys in advance by impugning United Nations supervision of the forthcoming elections.

On his final statement all will agree: Namibia must indeed be fearful for its future. The threat of destabilization by South Africa is, in our view, the chief reason for such fearfulness. Friends of Namibia must do all they can to help defend the Namibians against destabilization, perhaps first by identifying its agents.

Yours faithfully,
RANDOLPH VIGNE,
Honorary Secretary,
Namibia Support Committee,
PO Box 16,
London, NW5.

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Mental care in the community

From Mr Guy Hitchings

Sir, Robert Kilroy-Silk's discussion of mental care (Commentary, December 2) will do little to dispel the "myths, prejudices and fears" to which he refers. This is because he makes the common error of lumping together the mentally ill and the mentally handicapped.

In almost any context, to do this is to mislead. When it comes to community care, the handicapped and the sick present two different sets of problems, and it is important that this be seen to be the case.

If a distinguished journalist can thus misinform, small wonder that the confused citizens of Rye cry havoc, at the presence in their midst of eight individuals with Down's syndrome and other disabilities. These people may be handicapped, but they are affectionate and contented, they are doing useful work, and in no sense whatever are they what Mr Kilroy-Silk calls "mentally disturbed".

The mentally ill, no less than the handicapped, require acceptance and love and tolerance and understanding from the public at large. The first step in that understanding, however, is to recognise that the two groups are not one and the same.

Yours faithfully,
G. E. HITCHINGS,
Spring Bank, Speldhurst,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

From Mr Tom Benyon

Sir, I refer to the correspondence in your columns about care of the mentally ill in the community. The blame for their plight seems to be placed, as ever, on the shoulders of the Government; however a lack of cash and interest at Westminster does not tell the whole story.

Another problem facing those who are discharged from psychiatric hospitals is purblind prejudice from the community at large; many people simply don't want to see those with mental problems in their street, and in the shops; and they certainly don't want them living next door.

Many of the mentally ill often find the pressures of modern living intolerable and so they need the support of residential homes or hostels. That these facilities are too few to cope with the numbers of potential clients is partly because of the difficulties of obtaining planning permission either to establish a unit or to expand an existing one.

The words "psychiatric" and "mentally ill" or "drug abuse" on planning applications draw hysterical complaints to the authorities, *inter alia* a rise in crime levels, drug fears, Aids, assaults on children, all hiding the real fear — worries about house values.

There is no evidence that people who have suffered mental illness will be a social nuisance. But this truth is all too often ignored by MPs and councillors and so planning applications are often refused.

So perhaps the health ministers might expose the myth that those who have suffered from mental illness are necessarily any more socially aberrant than the rest of us for the pernicious lie that it is?

Yours faithfully,
TOM BENYON (Chairman),
Homecare Residential Services plc,
Tapton Grove, Grove Road,
Brimington,
Chesterfield, Derbyshire.
December 3.

From Dr Nigel Goldie

Sir, Jill Sherman, your Social Services Correspondent (report, November 28) quotes me as providing evidence that supports the campaign by the National Schizophrenia Fellowship against the closure of mental hospitals.

Certainly, in a recent study of what has happened to a group of former long-stay patients, I found abundant evidence of deprivation and a failure of community support for people who have been disabled by their experiences of long-term hospitalisation.

However, what I did *not* find was a desire to be living in hospital. Instead there was a general affirmation of the enormous sense of accomplishment and often pleasure to be had from living independently, despite the odds against doing so.

Yours sincerely,
N. GOLDIE,
South Bank Polytechnic,
103 Borough Road, SE1.
November 29.

Doctors' insurance

From Sir Douglas Black and Sir John Ellis

Sir, In stating that the medical profession should be "striving to reduce accidents by training", Mr Simanowitz (November 23) shows a remarkable ignorance of how British doctors are prepared for practice.

All British medical graduates are required, after a university course of at least five years, to undergo lengthy postgraduate training: a minimum of four years for those who become principals in general practice and eight or more for specialists. Trainees learn by participating, with gradually increasing responsibility, in the care of patients, for which they are paid a salary by the NHS.

Over the past two decades the profession (through the royal colleges, professional associations and the universities) has most carefully defined and updated the content and duration of training for each branch of medicine, monitored training programmes, inspected posts and assessed the progress of trainees.

Unfortunately, although GP trainers receive an allowance, NHS consultants are expected to supervise and train their juniors while caring for their patients at the same time.

Those who are still in the process of acquiring knowledge, skill and judgement are likely to make mistakes, and because medicine is now so powerful today's errors of commission or omission can be very serious. It is not surprising that although junior doctors make up only 30 per cent of UK-based membership of the Medical Protection Society, they account for over 40 per cent of its costs.

The juniors pay a much reduced subscription for the first six years after qualification and the cost of that reduction, together with the costs of cases brought against them, account for the high premiums asked of the rest.

Whether making the profession pay for the inescapable errors of training is morally justifiable is questionable, especially when it is not in its power to alter the deteriorating conditions under which the risk of making mistakes and the difficulty of maintaining close supervision are steadily increasing.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS BLACK (President, Medical Protection Society, 1982-85),
JOHN ELLIS (President, 1985-88), Medical Protection Society,
50 Hallam Street, W1.
November 25.

From the Secretary of the British Medical Association

Sir, It is wrong to suggest that the medical profession is advocating a system of no-fault compensation in order to reduce the insurance premiums that doctors pay. The BMA has always emphasised that the system we seek should not prevent individuals from taking a doctor to court. It would, however, help those who have suffered injury but cannot gain redress through the law.

The issue of medical indemnity is complex. It is for this reason that the BMA has asked that the matter be referred to a select committee of the House of Commons for the detailed consideration it deserves.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HAVARD, Secretary,
British Medical Association,
BMA House,
Tavistock Square, WC1.

Ward courtesies

From Mr Douglas Lowndes

Sir, During my recent short stay in hospital, the consultants addressed me as "Sir", and the nurses as "Mr Lowndes". I found this very satisfactory.

My GP, however, always calls me "Hello". I hope this is not merely to avoid saying "Goodbye".

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS LOWNDES,
1 Colville Court,
Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.
November 29.

Simple justice

From Mr John Kempe

Sir, The following statement was composed by John and Henry Lawrence on behalf of the Board of the Punjab in India, just prior to the Indian Mutiny over 130 years ago:

The Board desire that substantial justice should be plainly dealt out to simple people, unused to the intricacies of legal proceedings. Their aim is to avoid all technicality, circumlocution and obscurity; to simplify and abridge every rule, procedure and process. They would endeavour to form tribunals which shall not be hedged in with forms unintelligible to the vulgar and only to be interpreted by professional lawyers but which shall be open and accessible Courts of Justice where every man may plead his own cause, be confronted face to face with his opponents, may prosecute his own claim and conduct his own defence.

Is it possible for those committed to English law reform today to follow any part of this admirable precept?

Yours etc.,
JOHN KEMPE,
Maple Tree Cottage,
24 Old Leicester Road,
Wansford,
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

A meal in itself

From Mr J. R. Blatherwick

Sir, My writing desk is a smallish, cluttered one — how clever of you to know this! When I have my evening meal on it whilst reading *The Times*, the adverts provide ample space on every page to rest my dinner plate. The articles are meaty enough to see me through my meal and finish it just before the correspondence page which has no adverts on it.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY R. BLATHERWICK,
96 Parsonage Lane,
Enfield,
Middlesex.
November 29.

Present indicative

From Mr Bryan Magee

Sir, A few years ago I gave an old friend of mine a Christmas present that he regarded as so thoughtlessly inappropriate that he gave it to me back, beautifully rewrapped, but without remark, the following Christmas.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN MAGEE,
Brooks's,
St James's Street, SW1.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 6: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

Mr Festus Iyayi (winner of the Commonwealth Writers prize) had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

Mr 'Inoke Faletau (Director, Commonwealth Foundation), who had the honour of being received by The Queen, was present.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel of the Grenadier Guards, chaired a meeting of the Regimental Council at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, attended receptions at St James's Palace for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The Duke of Edinburgh attended a luncheon, given by the Association of American Correspondents in London, at Brown's Hotel, London W1.

Mr John Haslam was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, held a reception for the Friends of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at Buckingham Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chairman of the Council of "A Celebration of British Food and Farming 1989" later attended the Farmers' Club Annual dinner at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London W1.

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the British Heart Foundation, was represented by Colonel James Malcolm at the memorial Service for Brigadier Ereld Cardiff (formerly Director of the British Heart Foundation) which was held at the Guards Chapel, today.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale at Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening attended the Award Scheme Friends Reception at Buckingham Palace and then attended a dinner at the Hilton Hotel, hosted by the Director of the Scheme (Major General Michael Hobbs).

Captain William McLean was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
December 6: Lady Elizabeth Basset has succeeded Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston as Lady in Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 6: The Prince of Wales arrived this morning at Tiverton Parkway in the Royal Train.

The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, visited Duchy property in the Central and Eastern Districts.

His Royal Highness, attended by Mr David Landale, later departed from RNAS Yeovilton in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess of Wales named a Protector class Customs and Excise vessel at the Fairey Marinteknik Shipyard, Cowes, Isle of Wight.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Duke of Gloucester was present this evening at a dinner to mark the 125th Anniversary of the Danish Club at the Dorchester Hotel, London W1.

Lieutenat Colonel Sir Simon Bland was inattendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, London College of Music, was present this evening at a concert given by the College for the Royal Philharmonic Society at 47 Great Marlborough Street, London W1.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
December 6: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened the Richard Dimbleby Day Care Centre, provided by the Richard Dimbleby Cancer Fund for cancer patients, at St Thomas' Hospital, London SE1.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 6: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, today visited the Yehudi Menuhin School, Cobham, Surrey.

Mrs Alan Henderson was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Professor T. Anderson, former professor of Public Health, 84; Sir Fred Atkinson, civil servant, 69; Mr Donald Crichton-Miller, former headmaster, Fettes College and Stowe School, 82; Lord Elystan-Morgan, 56; Professor Sir Abraham Goldberg, professor of the Practice of Medicine, 65; Sir Bryan Hopkin, civil servant, 74; the Countess of Limerick, chairman, British Red Cross Society, 53; Major-General R.E. Lloyd, 82; Rear-Admiral A.F. Pugsley, 87; the Rev R.C. Trounson, principal, St Chad's College, Durham, 62; Mr Eli Wallach, actor, 73; Miss Helen Watts, lieder and opera singer, 61.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Giam Bernini, sculptor, Naples, 1598; Will Cather, novelist, Winchester, Virginia, 1873; Stuart Davis, painter, Philadelphia, 1894.

DEATHS: Cicero, executed, Formia, Italy, 43 BC; Sir Peter Lely, portrait painter, London, 1680; Meindert Hobbema, landscape painter, Amsterdam, 1709; William Bligh, admiral, captain of HMS Bounty, London, 1817; John Flaxman, sculptor, London, 1826; Edward Irving, founder of the "Holy Catholic Apostolic Church", Glasgow, 1834; Kirsten Flagstad, soprano, Oslo, 1962; Thornton Wilder, novelist, New Haven, Connecticut, 1975.

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SCIENCE REPORT

Making horse sense of a pedigree

Computer analysis of fossil horses has shown that traditional theories of evolution may be flawed. A rapid burst of evolution 18 million years ago produced more than a dozen different species of horses, and it is commonly held that the sudden appearance of many new species is always accompanied by rapid change in shape.

But new research, carried out by Bruce J. MacFadden and Richard C. Hulbert of the Florida Museum of Natural History, shows that the rate of change in the shape of horses remained relatively stable. This work, reported in the December 1 issue of *Nature*, is the latest in what has itself become a long evolutionary line of research into the ultimate pedigree of horses.

Older textbooks show a neat line of descent from the earliest horse *Hyracotherium* — an animal about the size of a small dog — all the way up to the familiar *Equus* of the present day. This neat scheme of a single line of descent was summarized and elaborated in the classic work of the American palaeontologist George Gaylord Simpson earlier this century, which had a profound influence in subsequent decades. Simpson used the example of horse evolution to show how characteristics such as size and shape changed over long periods in accordance with Darwin's ideas, and he even estimated how long these changes took to occur.

Most horse evolution has taken place in North America: where the remains of *Hyracotherium* have been found in the badlands of Wyoming, and where *Equus* first appeared. Sometime in the middle of the Miocene Epoch, about 18 million years ago, the fortunes of North American horses underwent a spectacular revolution, when a whole range of new grazing horses evolved to replace a single ancestral species of old-style browsing horse, descended from the 55-million-year-old *Hyracotherium*. This bore very few obvious hallmarks of horsiness. It had several toes on its feet, in contrast to the single hoof in a modern horse; its muzzle was much shorter and its teeth were small and low-crowned, adapted for browsing in lush tropical forests rather than grazing on grassy plains. Gradually, changes in the animals' teeth, skull, feet and other characteristics transformed it, through a chain of progressively more advanced forms, into the modern horse.

But subsequent discoveries of a plethora of fossil horse species, each one with a unique pattern of characteristics, made the application of Simpson's ideas impractical. There were simply too many different horses to fit into a single evolutionary framework. Researchers now liken horse evolution to a rather untidy bush: *Hyracotherium* is at the root, and each of the many different stems represents a distinct lineage of horse-like animals. The stem that culminates with *Equus* is special only in that it is the only one with a living, growing bud. All the other kinds of horse became extinct.

MacFadden and Hulbert have now introduced a further complication, by showing that horse evolution proceeded at different rates at different times. More importantly, they show that the overall rate of change in shape (such as the lengthening of the skull, or the progressive loss of toes) has very little to do with the founding of new lineages. The question underlying this new work goes right to the heart of evolutionary theory: do species evolve gradually, in an orderly, linear way, or do they arrive in clumps? And how can we distinguish between these two possibilities if the rate of change in shape in the fossils themselves (which are all we have to go on) need not have much direct bearing on the matter?

Henry Gee

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Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the extension of the Silver Jubilee walkway between Blackfriars Bridge and Westminster Bridge at 3.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend a Douglas Bader Foundation fund-raising luncheon at the Mansion House at 12.15; and, as Chairman of the Tiger Club Dawn to Dusk Competition, will present the prizes at a dinner at Stationers' Hall at 7.15.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will visit the Smithfield Show at Earls Court at 11.15.

The Prince of Wales will visit Exeter University at 11.00; HMS Fox at Devonport at 1.00; and will open the new St Luke's Hospice at Turnchapel, Plymouth, at 3.00.

The Princess of Wales will open the Mountaintop Dry Ski Slope, Beckton Alps, E6, at 11.30.

The Duchess of York will open the Robert Harvey House for the Elderly in Birmingham at 10.30 and the headquarters of the Birmingham Voluntary Service Council at 11.30. She will present the award to the 1988 West Midlands Business of the Year at the Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, at 12.30; and visit Freshfields Social Education Centre, Middlefield, at 2.55.

The Princess Royal will attend the national reception of the Employment Service's *1988 Fit For Work Scheme* award at 12.10, and a luncheon at Lancaster House. As President of the Royal Yachting Association she will attend a council meeting at the Royal Thames Yacht Club at 60 Knightsbridge at 4.15.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the Chesham Leisure Centre, Berkshire, at 11.30.

The Duke of Kent will unveil the Britain/Australia Bicentennial Tapestry at Guildhall at 10.00.

The Duke of Kent, as Honorary Member, will attend the annual dinner of the Guild of Motoring Writers at the RAC at 7.40.

Luncheon

HM Government
Sir Geoffrey Howe, Qc, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Lady Howe were hosts at a farewell luncheon held yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the Turkish Ambassador and Mrs Gümrukcuoglu.

Gray's Inn

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir John Ramsay Willis will be held in Gray's Inn Chapel on Wednesday, December 21, 1988 at 5pm.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.M. Tribe
and Miss E.R. McMeeking
The engagement is announced between Stewart, only son of Mr and Mrs C.N.S. Tribe, of Duffield, Derbyshire, and Elizabeth Rena, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs R.M. McMeeking, of Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire.

Mr N. Green
and Miss J.L. Bloomfield
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, the only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Green, of Ealing, and Joanna, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Bloomfield, of Putney.

Mr P.T. Hodder
and Miss A.A. Cook
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs A.G. Hodder, of Orpington, Kent, and Alison, younger daughter of the late Mr J.M. Cook, and Mrs V. Cook, of Gillingham, Kent.

Mr N.S. Salvesen
and Miss G.T. Bates
The engagement is announced between Nigel, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J.I. McC. Salvesen, of Spylaw, Kelso, Roxburghshire, and Gabrielle Tracy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T. John Bates, of Eastwell Park, Ashford, Kent.

Mr D.H. Ward
and Mrs V.M.R. Trenchard Day
The engagement is announced between David, of Foxearth, Sudbury, Suffolk, and Valerie, of Moulton, Newmarket, daughter of Colonel and Mrs Lane, of Bloxworth.

Mr C.R. Elliss
and Miss C.A. Richards
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.M. Elliss, of Shirley Hill, Surrey, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.C. Richards, Corfe, Somerset.

Dr C.E. Granger
and Miss G.H. Wickenden
The engagement is announced between Charlie, younger son of Dr and Mrs D.E. Granger, of Poole, Dorset, and Jill, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.D. Wickenden, of Cripps Corner, East Sussex.

Dinners

Farmers' Club
The Duke of Edinburgh, Chairman of the Council of "A Celebration of British Food and Farming 1989", was a guest speaker at the annual dinner of the Farmers' Club held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr C.G.M. Gardner, president, presided and Mr B. Dineen also spoke. The other guests included:
Lord and Lady Prior, Mrs B Dineen, Mr and Mrs S A Gourlay, Mr and Mrs G E Lee-Steere and Mr and Mrs M V B Stimpson.

Friends of Sri Lanka Association
The High Commissioner for Sri Lanka and Mrs Monerawela attended the inaugural dinner of the Friends of Sri Lanka Association held last night at the Royal Over-Seas League. Sir John Nicholas, chairman, presided.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, World Fellowship
Following a reception at Buckingham Palace, Mr James Gulliver was the host at a dinner in The Carlton Club. The guests included Sir Alistair and Lady Frame, Conte and Contessa Sella di Monteluce, Mr and Mrs Michael Beckett, Mr and Mrs John McMillian, Mr and the Hon Mrs Eric Koops, Senhor and Senhora Ferreira de Magalhaes, Mr Karl Kahane, Mr and Mrs Allison Ayida, Commander David Newing and, representing the International Trustees, Mr and Mrs Hugh Hudson-Davies and Commander and Mrs Loftus Peyton-Jones.

Royal Society of Arts
Mr and Mrs Ronald Gerard were guests of honour at a dinner held at the Royal Society of Arts on Friday, December 2, 1988. Other guests included:
Dr David Allan, Sir Peter and Lady Baldwin, Mr Terence Cuneo, Dame Diana Reader Harris, the Hon Henrietta Reader Harris, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Joyner, Brigadier G.D.M. Landy, Mr and Mrs Michael Leslie, Mr and Mrs Christopher Lucas, Sir Peter and Lady Masefield, Baroness Plaut of Writtle, Mr and Mrs Christopher Weston, Mr Denis Thatcher and others.

HM Government
Mr John Patten, Minister of State for Home Affairs, was host at a dinner held last night at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Frederick Korthals Altes, Dutch Minister of Justice.

Chester Business Club
Mr Enoch Powell was the guest of honour and principal speaker at a dinner of the Chester Business Club held last night at the Abbots Well Hotel, Chester. Mr Keith Mather, chairman, presided.

Weavers' Company
The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs attended a livery dinner of the Weavers' Company held last night at Vintners' Hall and were received by Mr M.A.C. Winterton, Upper Bailiff. The speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Upper Bailiff, Lieutenant Commander J.W.T. Lewes, Upper Warden, and Mr Alderman Brian Jenkins.

Service dinners

The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards
Lieutenant-General Sir Norman Arthur, Colonel of The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys), presided at the annual officers dinner held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

Royal Smithfield Show

Plumb attacks compulsory cuts

By John Young, Agricultural Correspondent

Compulsory measures to restrict food production were neither practicable nor desirable, Lord Plumb, President of the European Parliament and former President of the National Farmers' Union, said yesterday.

On a visit to the Royal Smithfield Show, in London, he was asked whether he agreed with Mr Simon Gourlay, the present NFU President, who on Monday called for an extension of "supply management" along the lines of the quotas which already apply to milk production.

Lord Plumb said he was opposed to any form of compulsion. Farmers were individualistic and independent, sometimes to the point of cussedness, but had the right to decide how they ran their businesses.

The fact that large numbers had registered for the government's "set-aside" scheme was encouraging. The same recognition that farmers had to accept responsibility for reducing surpluses was taking root in other EEC countries, albeit more slowly.

Results:

Cattle

Championship: Supreme: Ebony (Aberdeen Angus cross Limousin cross) Arfon Jones, Anglesey; reserve: Doodie Dandie (Limousin cross Aberdeen Angus cross) Gavin Scott, West Lothian.

Champion: Exhibitor bred, Winchfield Extra Special (Aquitaine cross Limousin cross Angus cross Hereford) Sally Emnor and Michael Verity, Basingstoke; reserve: Super Sonic (Aberdeen Angus cross Limousin cross) Mrs H Jones and Son, Anglesey.

Supreme Heifer: Ebony, Arfon Jones; reserve: Fergie (Limousin cross Aberdeen Angus cross Limousin) Lewis Watson and Son, Angus. Supreme Steer: Doodie Dandie (Gavin Scott); reserve: Winchfield Extra Special, Sally Emnor and Michael Verity. Junior Heifer: Ebony, Arfon Jones; reserve: Fergie, Lewis Watson and Son. Senior Heifer: Polly (Aberdeen Angus cross Limousin cross Welsh Black) David Hughes, Gwynedd; reserve: Sensation (Charolais cross Blue Grey) Ronnie Mackie, Perth. Junior Steer: Winchfield Extra Special – Sally Emnor and Michael Verity; reserve: Wot a Fella (Limousin cross Limousin cross Aberdeen Angus) Geoff Bellas, Cumbria. Intermediate Steer: Doodie Dandie – Gavin Scott; reserve: Dexter (Charolais cross Aberdeen Angus cross) Lewis Watson and Son. Senior Steer: Super Sonic – Mrs H Jones and Son; reserve: Leitha Gwartie (South Devon) L E Thomas and Son, Cornwall.

Sheep

Championship Awards. Supreme: Keith Jamieson, Dunrich (Texel cross Texel cross); reserve: A R Bulmer, Yorkshire (Suffolk). Butchers' weight limit: Keith Jamieson (Texel cross Texel cross); reserve: David McKerrow and Sons, West Lothian (Texel cross). Longwoolled: J & E Scott and Son, Carlisle (Bluefaced Leicester); reserve: John Coultrip, Kent (Romney). Shortwoolled: A R Bulmer (Suffolk); reserve Mrs H M Howard, Shropshire (Blue du Maine). Mountain breeds: Robert Hope and Co, Dumfries (South Country Cheviot); reserve Mr and Mrs Ronald Jones, Dyfed (Black Welsh Mountain). Exhibitor bred: Keith Jamieson; reserve: A R Bulmer.

Pigs

Supreme Champion: Jeremy Barber, Dorset (Large White); reserve: John Millard, Cambridgeshire (Large White). Single Heavy Pig: J S Millard (Large White); reserve: Mrs R J Wylie, Banbury (Large White). Bacon Pig: Jeremy Barber (Large White); reserve: Mildray Pigs Limited, Cambridgeshire (Landrace). Cutter Pig: Mildray Pigs Limited (Welsh); reserve: Mildray Pigs Limited (Large White cross Welsh). Porker Pig: John Millard (Large White); reserve: John Millard (Large White).

Carcase Section

Cattle: Overall champion: W H D Scott, Gloucestershire (South Devon); reserve: Joseph Gilbert, Coventry (Limousin cross Charolais).

Combined Live and Dead: David Sinclair, Perth (Limousin cross Aberdeen Angus cross); reserve: David Sinclair, Perth (Limousin cross Aberdeen Angus cross).

Class Winners: Section Heifers: A) David Sinclair (Limousin cross Aberdeen Angus cross); B) W H D Scott (South Devon).

Pure British Bred Steers: F E Read and Son, Lincolnshire (Lincoln Red). Class Bred Steers: A) Joseph Gilbert (Limousin cross Charolais); B) W & M Beale, Doncaster (Belgian Blue cross Limousin).

Lamb: Supreme Championship: Keith Jamieson (Texel cross Texel cross); reserve: Ian Johnstone, Lanarkshire (Texel cross Texel cross).

Carcase Class Winners (12 to 26 kilos dead weight): A) E A Slade, Middlesex; B) Commander and Mrs A D Turvill, Somerset; C) T E Stephens and Son, Herefordshire; D) A N & J Bisho, Berwick-on-Tweed; E) Bishop Burton College of Agriculture, North Humberside; F) K A & R Campbell, Argyll; G) Ian Johnstone; H) Keith Jamieson; J) Mr and Mrs P R Clarke, Nuneaton; IQ Thomas Stewart, Aberdeenshire; L) M J R Mathews, Cambridge; M) R J Slade, Somerset. Mountain Breeds: A) Robert Hope and Co, Dumfries; B) D K Timm, Selkirk.

Pig: Pork: Champion: K & B L Donald & Son, North Yorkshire (Large White cross Landrace cross Large White cross Landrace); reserve: A Tew, High Wycombe (Welsh). Bacon: Champion: R H Leonard Limited, Hull (Landrace cross Large White). Class Winners: Pork (41 to 60 kilos dead weight): K & B L Donald and Son. Pork (62 to 81 kilos dead weight): A Tew. Bacon Hog (65 to 74 kilos dead weight): Allerton Park Estate, North Yorkshire. Bacon (68 (65 to 74 kilos dead weight): R H Leonard Limited.

Veal: Supreme Champion: ESA Appeldoorn, Holland; reserve: ESA Appeldoorn.

OBITUARIES

ALUN OLDFIELD-DAVIES

Rebuilding the post-war BBC in Wales



Mr Alun Oldfield-Davies, CBE, who died on December 1 aged 83, was the BBC's Controller in Wales from 1945 until 1967, and one of the leading public figures in the principality.

When in 1945 the Controllership in Cardiff fell vacant the BBC recognized the need to appoint someone who was not only an experienced and first-rate broadcasting practitioner, but who also would command the confidence and regard of Welsh people generally. It emerged Oldfield-Davies was, without too much debate, the best man for the job. In the following decades he amply justified his appointment.

Welsh broadcasting, reduced almost to elimination during the Second World war, was rapidly and firmly re-established. Oldfield-Davies, a man of intellectual strength and agreeable personality, with a towering presence, was able, in a deliberate but friendly way, to hold the ring effectively against the pressures of both the Welsh-speaking and English-speaking sectors of Welsh society, and to build up a programme service of high standard in Wales in both languages.

The main BBC networks, first in radio and later also in television, soon came to recognize the quality of the Welsh output, and increasingly gave Welsh productions wider distribution. Oldfield-Davies's BBC career reached a climax when Princess Margaret opened the new broadcasting centre at Llandaff in 1966, shortly before his retirement.

He was a son of the manse, born on April 18, 1905, across the border in Wallasey, Cheshire. But his education was entirely in Wales. It took him, through a succession of scholarships, first to the County School at Rhondda and then to University College, Wales, at Aberystwyth.

For twelve years he taught in Welsh schools and as a university extension lecturer, but was broadcasting regularly in Welsh on current affairs. He joined the BBC in 1937 in the Education department, and during the war held senior posts in Wales, and later in London. The BBC declined to release him when the Ministry of Information vigorously attempted to enlist his services.

Beyond the BBC, in a life dedicated to his homeland, Oldfield-Davies was involved in its affairs on a wide scale. In 1950 he became chairman of the Central Advisory Council (Wales) for the Welsh Department of the Ministry of Information. Later, he served as president of the National Museum, and of the Welsh Council for Education in World Citizenship.

He was a past chairman of the Council of Welsh Social Services, and a former member of the Welsh Arts Council. The University of Wales bestowed an honorary LLD on him in 1967. He was an honorary member of the Cymmrodorian Society.

Oldfield-Davies was appointed CBE in 1955.

His wife, Lilian, predeceased him. There were no children.

EINAR FORSETH

Swedish mosaic for Coventry Cathedral

Einar Forseth, the Swedish painter and artist in mosaic and stained glass, died on December 4 at the age of 96.

Among his best-known works was the mosaic floor he created for the Chapel of Unity in the new Coventry Cathedral after the Second World. It was handed over at a special ceremony in 1962 and was the biggest single gift to the Coventry Cathedral project from any one nation and came from the people and the churches of Sweden.

Forseth had been famous ever since he created the mosaics and other decorations for the the Golden Hall in Stockholm's modernist Town Hall between 1921 and 1923. The most important of these, entirely filling one end wall of the hall, depicted a symbolic figure of Stockholm with the commerce of East and West arriving on either side.

Besides mosaics and stained glass, Forseth had wide-ranging gifts including fresco and oil painting and textile design. Before the war he had several shows of his paintings and mosaics in London.

Forseth so much admired the new cathedral arising from the bombed ruins, when on a visit to Coventry post-war, that he asked to have some of his work incorporated into the project and Sir Basil Spence, the cathedral architect, gladly accepted.

Born in Linköping of an old Swedish-Norwegian family, he studied art at the Göteborg School of Arts and Crafts and the Swedish Royal Academy.

He then travelled widely in England, France, Italy (where he was particularly interested by the mosaics) and in North Africa.

His earlier work had included mural paintings and stained glass windows for hotels, schools, churches and hospitals as well as textiles and mosaics for private firms in Sweden.

SIR WALTER PRETYMAN

A sweetener for cars in Brazil

Sir Walter Frederick Pretyman, KBE, a leading sugar farmer and industrialist in Brazil, died in Rio de Janeiro on December 4, at the age of 87.

Pretyman's alcohol refinery, the Usina Santa Cruz, was one of the biggest in the state of Rio de Janeiro based in Campos and he had been growing sugar in that region for over 40 years.

The son of a big farmer in East Anglia and Conservative who served in the coalition government during the First World War, Pretyman decided to go to Brazil in 1923 after studying agriculture at Magdalen College, Oxford.

Starting first in cotton, he opted almost by chance to join in growing another of Brazil's major crops, sugar, taking over a badly indebted 10,000-acre plantantion some 200 miles north of Rio. He showed ability and soon it was doing very well and Pretyman was established as one of the most solid producers in the country. When he retired earlier this decade, making way for his son, it was employing some 800 workers and producing 40,000 tons of sugar a year.

Pretyman's Santa Cruz also participated notably in Brazilian efforts to use alcohol produced from sugar to power motor cars and launched in the 1970s, after the successive petrol crises, with a state-backed programme to manufacture cars with adapted engines.

With only 20 per cent of Brasil's consumption produced at home the country's fuel import bills had soared alarmingly.

Although Pretyman was publicly critical of some aspects of the government's drive he once observed: "The alcohol programme has a future. It must have. Brazil needs every cent of foreign exchange it can save to finance its development."

Although oil prices have since fallen, the Brazilian government has maintained the alcohol fuel programme, largely for strategic reasons, and last year the country's car industry turned out over 80 per cent of its vehicles to be driven on alcohol.

Pretyman served during the Second World War in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and was for a time one of "Bomber" Harris's ADCs, retiring with the rank of squadron leader.

He was created KBE in 1972.

An error in telephone transmission caused us to refer to Professor Denis Haydon as "a good small college man". He was in fact a good college man: in other words, a good Trinity Hall man.

Memorial services

Brigadier Ereld Cardiff
The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Colonel James Malcolm at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Brigadier Ereld Cardiff held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The Rev J.A. Barrie officiated, assisted by Prebendary Gordon Thompson. Sir Richard Lloyd, son-in-law, and Mr David Cardiff, godson, read the lessons. Brigadier Christopher Thursby Pelham gave an address.

Mr Michael Barry
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Michael Barry was held yesterday at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street. Father Vincent Hawe, SJ, officiated. Mr Trevor Nicholls read an appreciation by Martin Esslin and *Non Dolet* by Oliver St John Gogarty and Miss Judy Campbell read *Lethe* by Lawrence Mavilis. Mr Tom Fleming read from *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran and Miss Anna Barry, daughter, read an excerpt from *From the Palace to the Grove* by Michael Barry. Mr Donald Wilson gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Barry (widow), Miss Sarah Barry (daughter), Commander and Mrs Patrick Jackson (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs J F Slee (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Philip Marvin, Mr William Slee, Mr C A Jackson, Miss Shuman, Sir Roger Cary, Sir Dick and Lady White, Sir Arthur and Lady Knight, Sir Brian Rix (chairman, MENCAP), Mr Paul Fox (managing director, BBC Television), Mr Mike Burns (representing the director-general, RTE), Mr Alan Smith (chairman, Royal Academy of Dramatic Art Association), Mr David Rose (Channel Four Television), Mr David Turner (Sir Peter Saunders Limited), Mr Colin Shaw, Mr Peter Dimmock, Mr Leonard Miall, Mr Francis Dunbridge, Mr and Mrs Barry Took, Mr Richard Bebb and Miss Dewan Watford, Mr and Mrs Richard Pasco, Mrs Trevor Nicholls, Mr Reg Moorfoot, Miss Betty Baskcomb, Miss Hannah Gordon, Miss Virginia McKenna.

Mr Sydney Newman, Mr Tony Bridgewater, Mr John Arkell, Mr Peter Mullen, Mr and Mrs Peter Moffatt, Miss Joan Craft, Mrs Joanna Spicer, Mrs Nancy Thomas, Mrs Elvira Hobson, Mr Raphael Jago, Miss Kate Kirby, Mr Richard Kirkby, Miss Miranda Ward-Kirkby, Miss Margaret Broome, Mr John Cain, Miss Lucy de Castro, Miss Ann Dalton, Mr Dallas Bower, Mr John Hadley, Mr and Mrs Shaun Sutton, Mr Peter Tews, Mr and Mrs Alvin Rakoff, Mr Peter Black, Mrs George More O'Ferrall, Mrs Betty Willingale, Mr John Jacobs, Mrs Sylvia Rich, Mr John Gough and Mr Michael Bakewell.

Professor Ernest Cotchin
A memorial service for Professor Ernest Cotchin was held yesterday at St Pancras Old Church. The Rev Philip Dyson officiated. Dr A.O. Betts, Principal of the Royal Veterinary College, and Professor J.E.T. Jones, Head of the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Husbandry, read the lessons. Sir David Innes Williams, Chairman of the Council of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and Professor Clifford Formston gave addresses.

Bridge

After a poll of players last year the Whitelaw Cup for the women's bridge team championship was held for the first time at two centres — the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne and the Leofric Hotel, Coventry. This new format resulted in a record entry of 71 teams, 47 at Eastbourne and 24 at Coventry.

Eastbourne Semi Final:
Mrs G Mollart, Mrs M Jones, Mrs J Davies, Mrs K Coward beat Mrs R Bavin, Mrs M Pottage, Mrs J Arnott, Mrs D Sanders by 1 imp.
Mrs E Phillips, Miss E Pritchard, Mrs B Alsallom, Mrs W Curtis beat Mrs E Dodd, Miss L Geddes, Mrs P Pool, Mrs C Jepson by 98 imps.
Final: Mrs E Phillips beat Mrs G Mollart by 46 imps.

Coventry Semi Final:
Mrs H Townsend, Mrs V Allinson, Mrs W Aggessing, Mrs A Hurst beat Mrs M Curtis, Mrs B Kerr, Mrs V Austwick, Mrs W W Brown by 40 imps.
Final: Mrs S Penfold, Mrs E McGowan beat Mrs D Wade, Ms S P A Phillips, Mrs R Fellows, Miss A Roberts by 4 imps.
Final: Mrs M Dennison beat Mrs H Townsend by 30 imps.
The date and venue for the play off between Mrs E Phillips and Mrs M Dennison has to be decided.

Appointments

Sir Francis Graham-Smith, Astronomer Royal and Langworthy Professor of Physics and Pro Vice-Chancellor of Manchester University to be a member of the Royal Society's Council and Secretary. He succeeds Sir Roger Elliot, who is to be Secretary to the Delegates of Oxford University Press.

Peter Weitzman QC to be Leader of the Oxford and Midland Circuit in succession to Igor Judge QC.

New bishop

Bishop Crispian Hollis has been appointed the new bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Portsmouth. Bishop Hollis, aged 52, auxiliary bishop of Birmingham, is the son of the author Christopher Hollis and his wife, Madeleine, both converts to the Catholic faith.

Services

Admiral Sir Julian Oswald to be First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff on May 25 1989 in succession to Admiral Sir William Staveley. This appointment carries with it membership of the Defence Council and of the Admiralty Board of the Defence Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, which may go out before them, and which may go in before them ... that the congregation of the Lord be not as sheep which have no shepherd.
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BIRTHS

AGNEW - On December 4th 1988, at Cresswell Hospital, Dumfries, to Catherine (née Palmer) and Richard, a son.

BURNS - On December 5th, at York, to Jane (née Anderson) and Clive, a daughter, Sarah Jane.

CAWLEY - On November 30th, to Regina and John, a son, Andrew.

DAVISON - On November 21st 1988, in Tokyo, to Kristine and Andrew, a second son, Spencer Greer, a brother for Nicholas.

DEANS - On December 1st to Jane (née Hewlings) and Jonathan, a daughter, Charlotte, a sister for Victoria.

DEERY - On December 6th 1988, to Dee (née Quinn) and Tom, a son. Congratulations from your family and friends.

DEMPSEY - On December 4th, to Gail (née Hamilton) and Patrick, a daughter, Katherine Phoebe.

DICKSON - On November 26th 1988, to Lesley (née Hill), and Robert, a son, Frederick Lindsay.

FANE - On December 4th 1988, to Suki (née Mitchell) and Eddie, a daughter, Rebecca Cecily.

FARRUGIA - ZAMMIT GAUCI - On December 4th 1988, in Malta, to Lucia Farrugia and James Zammit Gauci, a daughter, Zoe.

JOWITT - On Saturday, December 3rd, at home, to Margaret (née Kirby) and Robert, a son, John Benedict. A brother for Kathleen.

McKAY - On December 5th, in Wagga, Australia, to Julia (née Lumley) and Scott, a daughter, Edwina Alice.

MILTON - On September 22nd, to Eleanor Mary (née Kendall-Carpenter) and Jonathan, a daughter, Emma Louise Henrietta.

O'SULLIVAN - On December 1st, to Amanda (née Oldfield) and Adrian, a daughter.

SCOTT - On December 2nd, to Gillian (née Fortune) and John, a daughter, a sister for Henry.

SOAMES - On December 4th, to Fiona (née Capron) and Michael, a daughter, Emily Rose.

STACPOOLE - On December 5th, to Josie (née Macaulay) and Richard, a daughter.

WAY - On November 29th 1988, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, to Judith (née Williams) and Patrick, a son Dominic Hugo Patrick, a brother for Oliver and Frederick.

WETHERED - On December 2nd 1988, in New York, to Diana (née Wimble) and Adam, a daughter Imogen.

MARRIAGES

FLOYD:BRANDT - On November 16th, at British Embassy Abu Dhabi. Eldest son of Mr Floyd OBE and Mrs Floyd of Bath. Caroline, the daughter of Mr Brandt and the late Rhona Brandt of Edinburgh. The reception took place upon a Dow.

NORMAN:GARDNER - Recently Richard Frederick Norman to Mrs Hilda Gardner.

DEATHS

BLACKBURNE - On December 3rd 1988, suddenly, David Patteson aged 52. Beloved husband of Karen Geelmuyden, loving father of Maximilian, Alexia and Isabella. Devoted brother of Robin and darling younger son, Arthur and Barbara, much loved by all the family and friends. Funeral service St. Marys Church, Stoke D'Abernon, Cobham, Surrey, on Tuesday December 13th at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Flowers to J H Kenyon 49 Marloes Rd, London W8 Tel: 01 937 0757 by 9.30 am.

BLONSTEIN - On December 5th, 1988, Sheila, mother of Anne and Steven, sister of Betty. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday December 9th at 12.50 pm (East Chapel). Cut flowers only, to Leverton & Sons Ltd, 624 Finchley Rd, NW11.

BRIGGS - On December 3rd, peacefully at his home, Allan Henry, in his 79th year. Funeral at St Mary le Wigford, Lincoln, 12.30pm Wednesday December 14th. Cremation private. No flowers. Enquiries to Lincoln 20506.

CHESTER - On December 3rd, peacefully at home in Harpenden, after a long illness, Arthur Henry aged 66 years. Funeral service at West Hertfordshire Crematorium, Watford on Monday December 12th at 1pm. Flowers and enquiries to L.C. Weston Funeral Directors, 96A Luton Rd, Harpenden, Herts. Tel: (05827) 2868/3396.

CLARKE - On December 3rd 1988, Hazel Thurlow Middleton, dearly loved mother and grandmother. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Royal Marsden Hospital Cancer Fund, SW3. Funeral at Littlehampton Cemetery 12.30 Monday, December 12th. Enquiries to F A Holland & Son.

DONNELLY - On Monday December 5th 1988, peacefully at Dorchester Hospital I.A.F., (Don) Donnelly, aged 70. Much loved husband of Margaret, father of Miles, Claire, Piers and Simon. Private cremation.

DOYLE - On November 29th, suddenly, John, dearly loved by Heather. Funeral service at Holy Trinity, Brompton, on Friday December 9th, at 11.00 am. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, by 10.00 am. Enquires, Kenyon's, 01 834 4624.

FALKINER - On December 5th 1988, Gervase Leslie, dear husband of Rosemary. Cremation Yeovil Crematorium, 11 am Tuesday December 13th. No flowers but donations for Save The Children Fund, R.I.P.

HEELIS - On December 5th 1988, at home in Melbourne, Derbyshire, Susannah, aged 86 years. Beloved wife of the late Robert Loraine. Funeral, Saturday December 10th, service 11.30am in Edwalton Parish Church, Nottingham, followed by interment in the churchyard.

BLITZ - On November 24th 1988, suffering alleviated peacefully, Clare Evelyn (née Knox-Mawer), aged 70. Dearly beloved wife of Gustav, happily married in peacetime in partnership moulded from the resolution of Anglo-German conflict; devoted Mother of Martin, whose 'Sermons from a Black Sheep' are dedicated to her memory. 'Our bodies are seeds for what shall be and God is the Gardener as well as the Garden: God's victory in Christ is the victory over all darkness.' Funeral service took place on November 29th at Wrexham Parish Church. Donations please to preserve incomparable Welsh Ecclesiastical masterpeice of St. Giles Parish Church Rescue Appeal, Wrexham, Clwyd.

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HOARE - On December 5th 1988, at home, the Hon. Mrs Elspeth Hoare of Bath. Beloved mother of Elizabeth Cartwright-Hignett, grandmother of William. Funeral service St. Leonards Church, Farleigh Hungerford, Sommerset on Friday December 9th at 11.30am. A service of Thanksgiving in the New Year will be announced. Flowers may be sent to Jollys Funeral Directors, 7 Windsor Place, Upper Bristol Road, Bath.

IVERMEE - On December 4th peacefully in hospital after a long illness bravely borne, Wendy of Leatherhead, beloved wife of George, dear mother of Stephen and Andrew. Service at Leatherhead Parish Church on Monday December 12th at 11.30am. Flowers to L. Hawkins & Sons, 2 Highlands Road, Leatherhead, or donations if desired to, Cancer Research, c/o Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Surrey.

LOUDON - On December 2nd 1988, after a very brief illness, William Buist Loudon, aged six months, younger son of Alasdair and Honor, brother of Lizzie and Joe.

MacNAB - On December 3rd, suddenly as a result of an accident in Canada, Thomas Jackson of Stagenhoe, Whitwell, Hitchin, Herts., aged 41 years. Beloved husband of Julie and dear father of Robert and Camilla. Beloved son of Annie and the late Campbell. Funeral service at All Saint's Church Datchworth, Herts, on Friday December 9th at 2pm followed by interment in the churchyard. Family flowers only please. All enquiries to W. Austin & Sons (Stevenage) Ltd 9/11 Letchmore Road, Stevenage, Herts. Tel: (0438) 316623.

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MOSS - On Sunday, December 4th, peacefully at home, Corinne. Funeral at St Andrews Church, Thornhill Square, N1, 2.30 pm Friday, December 9th. Flowers to W.G. Miller, 95 Essex Rd, N1.

NEWALL - On November 29th, peacefully, Olivia, in her 98th year. Widow of Marshall of RAF, Lord Newall GCB, OM, GCMG, CBE, AM. First Baron. Much loved and admired mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Family funeral.

PLUMB - On December 6th, peacefully at her home in Leighton Buzzard, Elsie, aged 91, widow of Charles and beloved mother of the late Lionel, and of Marjory (Vicky) and Pamela. Funeral private. No flowers by request.

POLLITZER - On Tuesday December 6th, peacefully at home, Edward Percy Pollitzer O.B.E., aged 77, beloved husband of Juliette and loving father to Caroline, Jonathan and Sebastian. Private family funeral. Memorial service will be announced later. Donations, please, to Save The Children Fund.

SCOTT - on December 2nd 1988, in Guy's Hospital, Rosemary, wife of John Michael Hopton Scott of New Cross, London, SE14, and daughter of the late George Savery and Nora Jessup of South Shields and Morpeth. Requiem mass at St. Saviour's, Lewisham at 3.00pm Tuesday December 13th 1988. No flowers please. Donations to St. Cecilia's Cheshire Home, Sundridge Avenue, Bromley. Enquiries to (01) 301 5470.

SEDDON-BROWN - On December 5th, Irene Violet aged 86 years. Dearly loved wife of the late James Geoffery, mother of William and Vicky, and grandmother of Fiona, Stephanie, Leslie and James. Funeral service at St Mary's, Staveley-in-Cartmel on Friday December 9th at 11am. No flowers please, enquiries and donations if desired for Cancer Research to Wren's Funeral Directors, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, Cumbria. Tel (05395) 31355.

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VAN-STRATEN - On December 4th 1988, Alfred, peacefully away, and will be missed by all his family and friends. No flowers, donations to Cancer Research.

VENABLES - On Tuesday December 6th, peacefully at home, Commander Dennis Noel Venables, D.S.C. and Bar, Royal Navy (retd). Funeral at St. Nicholas Church, Silton, Dorset, 2.00 pm Monday December 12th. Family flowers only, donations to Royal Naval Benevolent Society.

VOELCKER - On December 5th, Hilda Katherine, aged 92, of Bude, Cornwall. Funeral 2.30pm on Tuesday, December 13th, at Marhamchurch.

WELFONDER - On December 4th, suddenly in Germany, Mary, born Luna and loved daughter of Peter, sister to David, Brigid, Elizabeth, Stephen and Bernard. There will be a mass in memory on Wendesday 9.15am, December 14th, at Holy Cross Church, Ashington Road, Fulham, London SW6.

WHITTINGHAM - On November 19th, suddenly at home, Poigny La Foret, France, aged 30, Riitta, beloved wife of David and mother of Wilhelmina and Miranda. Buried December 3rd, besides her parents in Jyvaskyla, Finland.

WRIGHT - On December 5th 1988, peacefully at her home in Lane End near High Wycombe, Bucks, Katherine Joyce, aged 92 (Matron for many years at The Garden School). Funeral service at Cadmore End Parish Church, on Monday December 12th at 9.30am followed by private cremation. Simple flowers only, may be sent to, David Stevey & Son Ltd, Westbourne Street, High Wycombe.

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A D Kenningham - Liquidator
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AND
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Woodford Moat House Hotel, 30 Oak Hill, Woodford Green, Essex, on Monday the 12th December 1988 at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Uplands House, Blackhorse Lane, London E17 5QW, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on from Thursday 8th December 1988.
Dated this 29th day of November 1988
Colm Mulkerrins - Director

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Dated this 18th day of November 1988
Melvyn Laurence Rose F.C.A. F.C.C.A.
Trustee

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named COMPANY are required on or before the 30th day of December 1988 to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors if any, to PRC Densham of Clifton Heights, Triangle West, Bristol BS8 1EB the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are by their solicitors, or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this seventeenth day of November 1988
PRC Densham - Liquidator
Dellfield Digital Limited

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR
CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY WINDING UP
Company number: 1628893. Name of company: Dellfield Digital Limited. Previous names of company: Mercury Communications Limited. Nature of business: Design and manufacture of telecommunications equipment. Address of registered office: 7th Floor, Clifton Heights, Triangle West, Bristol BS8 1EB. Liquidators name and address: PRC Densham FCA, Price Waterhouse, Clifton Heights, Triangle West, Bristol, BS8 1EB. Date of appointment: 16 November 1988. By whom appointed: Members and Creditors.
PRC Densham - Liquidator

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Sir Frederick William Mallandaine **Ashton**, of Eye, Suffolk, and London SW3, founder choreographer and director of the Royal Ballet, left estate valued at £1,161,845 net.

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Lady Sheila **Douglas-Pennant**, of Itchen Abbas Lodge, Winchester, Hampshire, left estate valued at £1,050,682 net.

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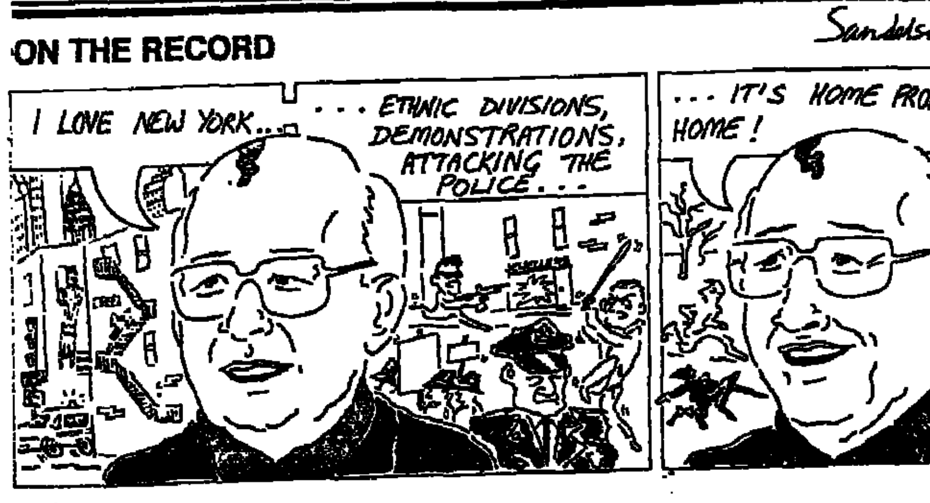
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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

The London escape speeds up

More and more employers are expected to leave the capital. Christopher Warman looks at the reasons

The number of jobs relocated outside central London is likely to increase sharply in the next few years, the commercial property consultants Jones Lang Wootton forecast in their *Decentralisation Report 1988*.

Companies at present in the City and West End of London are committed to moving 16,000 jobs out to the provinces and suburban London during the next four years, and 24 more companies are seriously considering moving an additional 20,000 jobs to other parts of the country.

Although the number of employers moving out has remained fairly steady in recent years, the number of staff involved in every move is increasing. The figure for this year is 265 jobs, but next year it will be 443, the highest level since the mid-1970s.

Within central London the City continues to be the most important source of decentralization, accounting for nearly half of the moves since 1982.

However, the impact of decentralization in terms of total stock has been greater in the mid-town office market, where 7 per cent of stock has been vacated since 1983.

Suburban London remains the most important destination for relocation, having been the target of 49 per cent of moves since 1983, and within this area the Docklands continues to attract an increasing number.

Docklands has more than 20 million sq ft of space scheduled to become available by the turn of the century and Jones Lang Wootton believes the area therefore has considerable potential to take an increasing proportion of the companies decentralizing from London.

But the survey also identifies a ripple effect in decentralization. Many of the factors causing businesses to relocate from central London, such as escalating rents and labour shortages, are showing themselves within suburban areas of the capital.

The result is that in turn businesses in suburban London will increasingly want to decentralize.

Of the moves planned, a third will be to destinations outside the South-East, and of that number three-quarters will be to the Midlands and North.

The service sector has accounted for 44 per cent of decentralizations since 1983 and will, it is predicted, be the main proportion of businesses moving. Within this sector banks and financial organizations have been in the lead, followed by insurance companies.

Now that the Government is aiming to disperse key departments to the provinces, there is also considerable potential for public sector relocation involving thousands of Civil Service jobs. The survey has identified three government departments planning to move in the near future.

A changing pattern is that the number of organizations undertaking complete headquarters relocations has fallen during the past decade, with partial moves, usually involving the relocation of "back office" operations, amounting to more than half and expected account for three-quarters of moves in the future.

Companies give financial reasons most frequently for their decision to move. Despite London weighting and rising salaries, property costs remain the prime financial concern, and this is likely to be fuelled in the next few years by the impact of the 1990 rates revaluation.

Growing concern over the shortage of skilled labour within the central London economy is another reason.

Organizations intending to relocate claim that problems in recruiting staff have influenced their decision to decentralize, and are becoming increasingly important in their choice of destination.

Japan link for offices at the station

Running against the London exodus, Central and City has entered into a joint venture partnership with SC Properties (UK) Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Shimizu Corporation, Japan's leading construction company, in a £130 million development of 308,000 sq ft of offices, envisaged right, now under construction at One America Square by Fenchurch Street station.

The two companies will have an equal interest in the scheme, although Central and City will manage its project design and development. SC Properties was the first of the large Japanese contractors to open an office in this country. The project is the company's biggest in the UK and its first in the City of London.

The site of 1.1 acres is bounded by Crosswall to the north and America Square to the east, and the block is being built partly over the station and the adjoining railway viaduct.

It will incorporate improvements to the station, including a new entrance and the conversion of the existing railway arches into a concourse and ticket office. The railway arches on the south side of America Square will be converted into a themed restaurant centre.



It took Central and City four years to assemble the site, and involved the buying-in of nine freeholds and 15 leasehold interests. These have been surrendered to British Rail, which, in return, has granted the developers a 250-year lease on the entire site.

The offices, designed by the architects Renton Howard Wood Levin, will be contained in a 15-storey tower, and will take their place in an area being steadily revitalized as it becomes established as an office location.

The scheme has been welcomed by Michael Cassidy, chairman of the Corporation of London's planning and communications committee, who described it as one of the most ingenious schemes ever produced, making full use of the awkward site.

"There is a need to provide modern accommodation in the City, and this imaginative scheme over railway tracks caters to that demand in an admirable and visually exciting manner," said Mr Cassidy.

A Roman boundary wall was uncovered during an architectural dig carried out by the Museum of London and sponsored by Central and City at a cost of £420,000. Part of it will be preserved and visible within the building.

BRIEFING

■ A £67 million plan to redevelop Lister's Manningham Mills in Bradford, West Yorkshire, one of the city's most striking landmarks, has been unveiled after a feasibility study funded by List and Co, Bradford Council and the Department of the Environment.

It is estimated that the scheme, called Lister City, could create at least 3,000 jobs. A report by the architects Shepheard, Epstein and Hunter says the building, with its 250ft chimney, which has dominated the city's skyline since 1873, could be converted into offices, retail outlets and studios.

The site, which covers 14 acres, could also include a hotel, an art gallery, several restaurants, winter gardens and study centres.

■ **The architect firm, Seifert, has won a competition to build the four million sq ft Sandwell shopping centre in the West Midlands for its developer clients, Speyhawk Land and Estates and the Alton Group.**

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■ Telford Development Corporation has instructed Bernard Thorpe to sell its freehold interest in the 750,000 sq ft Telford shopping centre, which includes most of the central area of the town.

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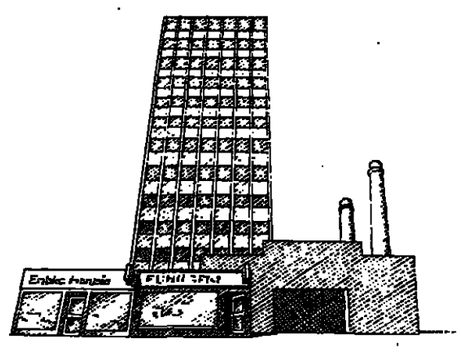
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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Deadly legacy

I do not know how many executives of asbestos companies have contracted Mesothelioma, the incurable cancer caused by some asbestos. No doubt, when popping their noses into their factories some of them breathed rather less easily, not to say less frequently, after reading the scientific reports commissioned by their companies in the 1930s and '40s, which proved the deadly effects of some of their products.

Their workers and people living near their factories were less inclined to hold their breath, for the findings were cynically suppressed by the companies. The scientists could not publish without their permission.

In some ways the most chilling shot in *Too Close to Home* (ITV), *First Tuesday*'s controlled, if deeply disturbing, documentary on asbestos cancer, was not one of a victim in suffocating agony but a simple close-up of a scientific report, with the word "cut" penned by an anonymous executive hand across the cancer-link section.

This was no vulgar act of terrorism which demanded an instant bloody return on its labour. The innocent victims of this type of time-bomb are not hit until decades later – by which time its makers are probably dead. Most of the victims seen in the film were being killed by a factory in Leeds where they never worked and which has been closed for 30 years.

The hand, however, did seem to have been obscenely steady as it stroked away a little dangerous knowledge which might have killed the fun of kids playing in the street with all that white dust. One dying man remembered it as a bit like snow. You could not but help wondering what hands are now writing "cut" on inconvenient scientific reports.

Andrew Hislop

The indomitable showman

Heather Neill interviews theatre director Sir Peter Hall on the eve of his début as an independent in the West End

Sir Peter Hall is not an easy man to ignore. Scourge of the Arts Council for its parsimony in fixing the National Theatre's subsidy, he is the bitter enemy of *The Sunday Times* after its suggestion that NT commercial transfers were making him a personal fortune. Outspoken critic of the Government and subject of prurient gossip about his private life (his third marriage, to opera singer Maria Ewing, was publicly declared to be over in the summer), he is a headline writer's dream.

Combative, forceful, articulate, he seems to relish drawing fire. But, in the context of British theatre history, none of this matters very much. What does matter is that for a quarter of a century (10 years with the Royal Shakespeare Company and 15 at the National) he presided over first one, then the other, of the two major theatre companies in this country, imprinting each of them with his style.

From an early age he took risks in directing new work. Hall's were the first British productions of *Waiting for Godot*, of many of Pinter's plays and, in 1957 and 1958 respectively, of Tennessee Williams's *Camino Real* and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. And it is with a play by Williams that Hall is inaugurating a new era in his professional life.

Orpheus Descending is the first production by the Peter Hall Company, a commercial enterprise under the protective wing of Triumph Theatre Productions, which is owned by an English producer (Duncan C. Weldon) and an American (Jerome Minskoff). The new company will have a three-year tenancy of the Haymarket Theatre in London and will also mount productions in the United States.

Over a drink near a Chelsea church hall where the company had been rehearsing just before their first week's booking, in Bath, Hall was predictably enthusiastic about *Orpheus Descending*. "It is a terribly under-valued play, with passions and sufferings on a Greek level. It is not a naturalistic piece – played naturalistically it is embarrassing."

Failure to understand this on the part of previous directors may account for the play's lack of success in Boston and London in the Fifties. It has, however, the qualities Hall most admires in any work he presents: "highly wrought language, highly formed writing".

Williams described the play, which he shaped and reshaped over 17 years, as "the story of a wild-spirited boy who wanders into a conventional community of the South and creates the commotion of a fox in a chicken coop". Jean Marc Barr plays the boy, Val, and Vanessa Redgrave Lady Torrance, the woman most affected by his intervention.

A stickler for casting exactly the right actors in any play, Hall believes he has found the right pair here. Barr, 28, half-French, half-American, has "the right style, accent, rhythm" for Val, the wild outsider who bears more than a passing resemblance to Williams; while "Lady is a God-given part for Vanessa. She has something of a Madonna about her, but she is a frustrated Italian too, with spirit."

For "sheer dangerous creativity" he thinks Redgrave unequalled. He admires her unexpectedness, her combination (shared with Edith Evans and Ralph Richardson) of a kind of recklessness and "amazing truth".

It is a pleasure in the rehearsal process which motivates Hall; not, he said sternly, money, success or fame ("What is there to enjoy about it?"). "There is sometimes a point, just two or three days, when you are all, actors and director, better than you thought you were." The hope of achieving that moment keeps him going.

"It's a journey to find the way to a play with the actors collaborating. You have to be open, to say 'I don't know', and unless you have an obsession to do it, you won't endure the difficulties and fatigues of the journey." The most dreadful day for a director is not, he says, the first night, but the first day of rehearsals when "you have a gut instinct as to whether you've got it right".

An acknowledgement that he had not, during rehearsals of *Cymbeline* at the National, led to his parting of the ways, amid much publicity, with Sarah Miles. "But I've only fired three people in 33 years."

There are five Americans in the cast of *Orpheus Descending* and, if all goes to plan, Dustin Hoffman will play Shylock in *The Merchant of Venice* in May. There will be productions in New York too, including a musical version of Ionesco's *Rhinoceros*, set in a California shopping mall. "It's a timely play: there are a lot of rhinos about."

He thought it would do both cultures "a great deal of good" to capitalize on their shared language and institute regular theatrical exchanges. He would particularly like to produce Shakespeare in the US in well-spoken American which is, he pointed out, closer than modern British English to Elizabethan speech.

There are plans for working again with masks, in the manner of *The Oresteia* and *Animal Farm* at the National. "Masks are, like ballet, Shakespeare's blank verse, the music of opera – or the heightened language of *Orpheus Descending* – a means of enabling the expression of emotion by containing and forming it . . . All very arty stuff," he added deprecatingly.

The conversation ranged widely. There was bitter criticism of Government policy: "In 10 years we'll wake up and wonder how we lost our education and health services, our theatre and broadcasting system . . . Their behaviour over sponsorship has been *wicked*: they said private money wouldn't jeopardize subsidy and it has." Of Broadway theatre he said: "plastic musicals for tourists"; of English culture: "philistine"; and of American television: "62 unwatchable channels".

He spoke of his plans for directing opera all over the world and making an original film for the BBC next year, and of avoiding the tabloid press by dodging behind bushes with Alan Ayckbourn. And throughout he maintained a genial air. Clearly he relishes the challenge of his new life, even if he finds himself "in an extremely turbulent and noisy marketplace, where you have to shout about what you are doing, or no one will notice you're there".

STEPHEN MARKESON



Headline writer's dream: Sir Peter Hall is relishing the challenge of life outside the subsidized theatre

● Orpheus Descending *begins previews at the Theatre Royal Haymarket tomorrow and opens next Tuesday.*

Winning studies

CONCERT

Catalogue d'oiseaux
Queen Elizabeth Hall

The choice on Sunday at the South Bank was between symphonic Beethoven and ornithological Messiaen, with the latter being perhaps the more humane marathon: the 13 pieces of the *Catalogue d'oiseaux* seemed positively modest in requiring only three hours and the efforts of five pianists, all of whom were ex-pupils of Yvonne Loriod.

Hwei-Cheh Liu, the most like her teacher, closed the evening clangorously and generously in the three pieces of the seventh book. However, there was some lack of care in her playing: magniloquence turned sometimes into splashiness, and repetitions were dangerously automatic.

The pianist who stayed most closely and intensely in command was Roger Muraro, who had charge of the big centrepiece, *La Rousserolle effarvatte*. This was again powerful playing, but achieved with pungency and bite: the chains of colour-harmonies depicting the water-lilies, irises and reflected skies were fresh and clean.

It was good to have a contrast between these two weighty pianists in the gentle Frédéric Lagarde, whose playing had a welcome suppleness and elegance while ceding nothing in luminous colour, especially the kingfisher blues and greens of *La Bouscarle*.

Both the other pianists also had good points to make: Véronique Pelissero in her coaxing of phrases into roundedness in the first book, and Suzanne Cheetham in her looser, lither approach, going against the others' tendency to look in Messiaen's piano writing for bells, gongs and xylophones.

Paul Griffiths

DONALD COOPER



Making history: Niall Toibin (left) the Archbishop and Stephen Rea

Truth and myth

THEATRE

Making History
Cottesloe

Eight years ago, in *Translations*, Brian Friel achieved the greatest landmark since O'Casey in Irish political theatre by looking at the colonial past from the perspective of language. In this sequel (another Field Day production), Friel again illuminates the most urgent national issues by means of another academic discipline.

In this case, he raises one of his country's unappeased ghosts, so as to ask whether history is made by men of action or by historians. His hero is Hugh O'Neill, leader of the Gaelic uprising that was smashed at the battle of Kinsale. Seamus Heaney gave English readers a much-needed introduction to this Irish chieftain and Elizabethan courtier in *The Times* on Monday. Irish readers need no newspapers to tell them about the Flight of the Earls.

What is equally useful to both is Friel's revision of the myth: as where he undercuts the heroic image of the Flight with the sight of the defeated O'Neill hiding out in the Sperrin mountains before shrivelling into embittered, drunken exile in Rome.

Making History is emphatically not a debunking exercise; rather, it embodies Friel's point that the life of a national hero can be told in many different ways determined by the expectations of subsequent eras.

The central device of the play is to show O'Neill conducting an elaborate balancing act between his tribal and continental allegiances, while his first biographer, Archbishop Lombard, is piously at work simplifying him into an uncomplicated nationalist.

The further irony is that Friel, no less than Lombard, is chiefly telling a good story. What he offers is not the "truth" about O'Neill, but a 17th-century figure who reflects our own need for Anglo-Irish understanding: a man who combined his Gaelic leadership with a New English Protestant marriage, and who managed to hold two self-cancelling loyalties until the arrival of the Spanish drove him into the tragic adventure of Kinsale.

The piece is not in the same class as *Translations*. In Stephen Curtis's production, it has not solved the problem of combining action and debate, and there are too many passages that subside into the wooden attitudes of historical drama.

Stephen Rea's O'Neill does not emerge as a charismatic leader: what he does project with great intensity is the sense of cultural schizophrenia, seen at its most agonized when in collision with Niall Toibin's smooth, ever-reassuring Archbishop, who knows that, as the writer, he is the stronger of the two: a wonderful performance.

Irving Wardle

Dreaming of Babylon
Gate

In this award-winning adaptation (Edinburgh 1986) the stage is the grubby San Francisco apartment of C. Card, a dead beat private eye, and Kerry Shale, who has turned Richard Brautigan's novel into a dazzling one-man show, slouches in wearing a greasy brown suit as dead beat as the room. From painful reality Card retreats into colourful daydreams based on the serial films of his childhood: aided by a sultry Euphrates beauty, who not only votes Democrat but has large breasts, he defeats Evil Doctors and all their fawning servitors.

Commissioned by a suave beauty in a chauffeur-driven limo to steal a stiff from the morgue, and successively threatened by vicious Mexicans, smiling black hoods, flashing razors and his own vengeful mother, he soon finds menace rushing towards him, arm-in-arm with farce.

Shale hops into and out of these nightmare characters with rapid changes of voice and gesture, shrewd in the selection of detail and explosively funny at times, though using skills beyond the capacity of the actual C. Card, a goof barely able to put one and one together.

Discounting this structural flaw, we have the riveting sight of a man using wisecracks to ward off existential panic while steeling himself to tell us what is inside his fridge. There are powerful horrors beneath the laughter.

Jeremy Kingston

Healing spirit

A Christmas Carol
Young Vic

For some children this Christmas the name Scrooge will mean the new Bill Murray film, which puts Dickens through the mincer and serves it up as the story of a skinflint producer of American television.

Luckier will be those who are taken to David Holman's dramatization of the original, which adds just a little contemporary language but rightly sees no reason to update farthings and sovereigns.

But, more important than verbal accuracy, Holman's version is faithful to the healing spirit of the original, its message that past errors can be repaired and the good life lived again. I shall not deny I wiped away a tear.

At the rear of the open stage rises a lofty four-poster, a triple-decker affair with an eyrie reached by dizzying flights of steps. From this high point Jon Strickland's Scrooge is transported around the world by the Ghost of Christmas Present, a journey imaginatively suggested in Martin Jameson's production by the simplest technical means: a wind machine visible to the audience, a travelling beam for a lighthouse, carols in foreign languages.

A band of carollers strolls on to cover the scene-shifting, varying wassailing with a pleasant peal of handbells and a musical grand exit led by Scrooge himself on trombone.

Strickland's bony physique gives the early scenes a bleak rightness, and he has a voice that can chill an audience with sudden cries of dismay at a vision only he can see. The desolate phantoms in the street are conjured up for us by his tone of voice and stricken gaze alone.

The three Ghosts are plainly visible, the last of them a figure 10ft tall that unfolds itself from the four-poster like a genie out of a lamp. The poignancy of Scrooge attempting to alter his past by addressing shapes from his childhood is keenly felt, and it is precisely by keeping hold of the story's emotional urgency, though there is humour and jollity along the way, that the play keeps its audience enthralled.

Pinned up in the bar are letters from children who saw previews. "I have no Bad Thoughts about this play," writes a boy from Edgware. I could not have put it better myself.

Jeremy Kingston



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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **ASYLUM:** In Paul Kember's new play Sarah Miles is one of the inmates confronting bulldozers, a video documentary crew and the bewildering world outside.
Lyric Theatre, King St, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon to Sat 7.45-10.15pm; Mats Wed 2.30-5pm and Sat 4-6.30pm. Eves £5-£10.

☆ **BLOOD BROTHERS:** Willy Russell's sentimental musical: separated twins *destroyed by the English class system;* Kiki Dee as their mother.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-867 1115). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-6pm, and Sat 4-7pm, £6.90-£18.50. (D)

☆ **BRIGADOON:** OK revival of Lerner and Loewe's misty Scottish musical.
Victoria Palace, Victoria St SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria.Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm. Mats Thurs, Sat 2.30-5pm, £8-£20. Thurs mat, all seats half-price.

☆ **BUDGIE:** Adam Faith with Anita Dobson in thinnish Soho musical.
Cambridge Theatre, Earlham St, WC2 (01-379 5299). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat 3pm. £8-£20 except Wed mats, £4-£10. (D)

☆ **CANDIDE:** Christmas treat: Leonard Bernstein's tune-packed musical, part opera, part Broadway; with Mark Beudert, Marilyn Hill Smith, Nickolas Grace.
Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Fri 7.30-10pm, Sat 7.45-10.15pm; mats Wed 2.30-5pm, £9-£16, and Sat 4-6.30pm, £6-£19.

☆ **HEART-THROB:** Witty, poignant play co-authored by Jeremy Seabrook: two women writing letters to a prisoner in a top security jail.
Bush Theatre, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (01-743 3388). Tube: Shepherd's Bush. Previews Nov 9 ans 10, 8pm, press night Nov 11, 7pm, then Tues-Sun 8pm, £5.

☆ **THE ILLUSION:** ATC's dazzling production of Corneille's enchanted comedy.
Lyric Studio Theatre, King St, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 8-9.45pm; mats Wed 3-4.45pm and Sat 4.30-6.15pm, £6. Until Dec 17.



Roy Marsden (above), who has recently been seen on television as P.D. James's laconic detective, Adam Dalgliesh, takes on an entirely different role at the Mermaid Theatre (see listing). In *The Relapse*, Sir John Vanbrugh's biting Restoration comedy, he plays the vain and flamboyant Lord Foppington, with Kate O'Mara as Berinthia. This is the latest production of the British Actors Theatre Company, which was formed last year by Kate O'Mara and Peter Woodward.

★ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Geraldine McEwan and Sara Kestelman take over the leads in Peter Schaffer's smash comedy where two unlikely partners wage eccentric war against the modern world.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £7.50-£15. (D)

☆ **THE RELAPSE:** See caption.
Mermaid Theatre: Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock, EC4 (01-236 5568). Tube: Blackfriars. 7.30-10.30pm, mat Sat 2-5pm, £4.50-£12.50.

☆ **THE WOMAN IN WHITE:** Sue Dunderdale's production of the classic Victorian thriller; Michael Byrne as sinister Count Fosco and Helena Bonham-Carter in her stage debut.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, SE10 (01-858 7755). Train: Greenwich BR (15 *mins from Charing Cross*). *Mon-Sat* 7.45-10pm, mats Sat 2.30-4.45pm. Mon-Fri £3.50-£7.50; Sat eves £3.50-£10; Sat mats £3.50-£5.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166) . . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072) . . . ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399) . . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108) . . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassador Theatre (01-836 6111) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913) . . . ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . . ☆ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-867 1117) . . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665)

OUT OF TOWN

BRIGHTON: ☆ ***Time and the Conways:*** Carmen Silvers, Richard Warwick, Polly James in touring production of Priestley's time classic.
Theatre Royal, New Road (0273 28488), Mon-Thur 7.45pm, Fri and Sat 8.15pm, mats Thur 2.30pm and Sat 5pm, £4-£9.

MANCHESTER: ★ **Macbeth:** David Threlfall and Frances Barber in powerful death-camp production by Braham Murray.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 833 9833), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, mats Wed 2.30pm,and Sat 4pm, £2.80-£10.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
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■ **BAGDAD CAFE (PG):** German director Percy Adlon presents the warm, comic tale of a large middle-class tourist from Bavaria stranded in the American West. With Marianne Sagebrecht, Jack Palance, C. C. H. Pounder (91 min).
Screen on Baker St (01-935 2772). Progs 3.15, 5.05, 7.10, 9.05.
Metro (01-437 0757).
Progs 2.00 (not Sat-Tues), 4.15, 6.30, 8.45.

BIRD (15): Clint Eastwood's impressively mounted biography of Charlie Parker with Forest Whitaker as the legendary jazz saxophonist. (161 min).
Lumiere (01-836 0691). Progs 1.25, 4.35, 7.55. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.
Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636). Progs 1.40, 5.15, 8.45.
Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366). Progs 3.30, 7.45. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.

COLORS (18): Vivid crime drama from director Dennis Hopper; with Sean Penn and Robert Duvall as Los Angeles cops of clashing temperaments, assigned to the CRASH unit. (121 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.30, 6.40, 9.25.
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 3.20, 5.50, 8.20.
Odeon West End (01-930 6111). Progs 12.20, 3.00, 6.00, 8.30. Late Fri, Sat 11.45.
Odeon High St Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 12.50, 3.20, 5.50, 8.30. Late Sat 11.15. **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01-722 5905/586 3057). Progs 2.00, 5.30, 8.10.

Groomed for stardom



Although he is subject to the same routine sneers in the media, Rick Astley differs in a number of respects from most of his British teenypop peers. As well as being blessed with a resonant, black-sounding voice of some character, he has also enjoyed phenomenal success internationally. Indeed, last year he notched up No 1 hits in America with his first two singles, "Never Gonna Give You Up" and "Whenever You Need Somebody". He started singing in the choir at his church in Newton-le-Willows, North Yorkshire, before taking up as first the drummer and then the vocalist in the local bands Give Way and FBI. In 1985 he was spotted singing with FBI in a northern club by Pete Waterman. Eighteen months later he emerged fully groomed for stardom as the jewel in the celebrated Stock Aitken Waterman production team's crown. His last hit, "She Wants To Dance With Me", was written and produced by Astley himself, while his latest single, "Take Me To Your Heart" this week cruises safely up to No 8 amid the intense competition of the pre-Christmas chart. Rick Astley's debut UK tour begins tomorrow (Dec 8), Edinburgh Playhouse, 18-21 Greenside Place (031 557 2590) 7.30pm, £10; Sat Dec 10, Newcastle City Hall (091 261 2606); Mon 12 and Thurs 22, Manchester Apollo (061 273 6921); Wed 14 and Thurs 15, Wembley Arena, Middlesex (01-902 1234); Sat 17 and Sun 18, NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133); Tues 20, Bournemouth International Centre (0202 22122). ***David Sinclair***

■ **COMING TO AMERICA (15):** Eddie Murphy as a pampered foreign prince who comes to America to select his own bride. A botched comic vehicle with a touch of sweetness; directed by John Landis. (116 min).
Plaza 2 (01-200 0200). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30. Late Fri, Sat midnight.

DISTANT VOICES, STILL LIVES (15): Terence Davies's remarkable new film set in Liverpool in the 1940s and '50s — a moving exorcism of family ghosts, ingeniously set to popular music. With Freda Dowie and Peter Postlethwaite (85 min).
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 1.20, 3.15, 5.10, 7.10, 9.10.

DREAM DEMON (18): An American girl searching for her roots comes to the aid of a socialite bride who experiences hideous nightmares. Fanciful British horror film; directed by Harley Cokliss, with Kathleen Wilhoite and Jemma Redgrave (93 min).
Cannon Panton St (01-930 0631). Progs 2.40, 5.05, 7.35, 10.05.

THE FRUIT MACHINE (15): *Letter to Brezhnev* writer Frank Clarke is behind this seaside extravaganza starring Emile Charles, Tony Forsyth and, playing a drag queen called Annabelle, Robbie Coltrane. (102 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.20 (not Sun), 3.50, 6.20, 8.40. Late Fri, Sat 11.25.

LAW OF DESIRE (18): Outrageous Spanish film celebrating the absurdities of human desire through the adventures of a gay film director and his transsexual sister. Written and directed by Pedro Almodó
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 3.00 (not Sun), 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

PATHFINDER (15): Visually spectacular Norwegian drama based on the legendary exploits of a young nomad who lures marauding warriors to their death. Directed by Nils Gaup (86 min).
Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 2.10, 4.10, 6.15, 8.20, 10.15.

SWITCHING CHANNELS (PG): New slapstick version of Hecht and MacArthur's masterly play *The Front Page*, with Burt Reynolds as the TV news editor determined to hold onto his star reporter and ex-wife (Kathleen Turner). Directed by Ted Kotcheff; with Christopher Reeve. (105 min)
Odeon Leicester Sq (01-930 6111). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 6.00, 8.45. Late Fri, Sat 11.45.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **VICTORIAN MUSIC:** Julian Clarkson conducts the City Chamber Choir in Victoria's motet and mass *O Magnum Mysterium.*
St Martin-within-Ludgate, Ludgate Hill, London EC4 (01-248 6054), 1.15-1.45pm, free.

EVENING

★ **WINTER JOURNEY:** Robert Holl, bass, sings Schubert's *Winter-reise* cycle D 911 with Andras Schiff at the piano.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St. London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, returns only.

☆ **BLAIR/BETTS:** The Young Musicians' Symphony Orchestra is conducted by James Blair in Bruckner's lengthy Symphony No 8 and, with Nicholas Betts as soloist, Patterson's Trumpet Concerto.
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3-6.50.

☆ **NETWORK NOTES:** Under the auspices of the Arts Council Contemporary Music Network, Rold Hind conducts London Brass in Xenakis's *Eonta*, Ruders's *Break Dance*, Messiaen's *Regard de l'Esprit de Joie*, Taverner's *Trisagion* and Janacek's Capriccio.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01 928 8800), 7.45pm £5.50.

☆ **PANUFNIK'S MESSAGES:** The Vanbrugh Quartet undertake Panufnik's Quartet No 2 "Messages," Smetana's Quartet No 1 "From My Life," Patterson's Quartet Op 58 and Beethoven's Quartet Op 18 No 3.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 8pm, £3-6.

CLASSICAL TOP 20

1	(1)	**Elgar: Cello Concerto**	Barbirolli/LSO/Du Pre, *HMV*
2	(2)	**Elgar: Cello Concerto**	Barenboim/Poo/Du Pre, *CBS*
3	(3)	**Lloyd Webber: Requiem**	Domingo/Brightman/Maazel/Eco, *HMV*
4	(6)	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons**	Hogwood/Academy, *L'Oiseau Lyre*
5	(4)	**Holst: The Planets**	Karajan/BPO, *DG*
6	(5)	**Elgar: Cello Concerto**	Menuhin/RPO/Webber, *Philips*
7	(7)	**Albinoni: Adagio**	Karajan/BPO, *DG*
8	(-)	**Mahler: Resurrection**	Gilbert Caplan, *IMP*
9	(15)	**Mahler: Symphony 2**	Rattle/CBSO, *HMV*
10	(16)	**Chopin: Favourites**	Katchen/Katin, *Decca*
11	(9)	**Elgar/Haydn/Beethoven Cello Concertos**	Barenboim/ECO, *EMI*
12	(12)	**Tchaikovsky: 1812 Overture**	Dutoit/MSO, *Decca*
13	(14)	**Handel: Messiah Excerpts**	Marriner/ASMF, *Decca*
14	(7)	**Holst: Planets**	Previn/RPO, *Telarc*
15	(-)	**Mozart: Horn Concerto**	Tuckwell/ECO, *Decca*
16	(18)	**Grieg: Peer Gynt**	Von Karajan/BPO, *DG*
17	(-)	**Holst: The Planets**	Dutoit/MSO, *Decca*
18	(11)	**Sibelius: Symphony 5**	Rattle/CBSO, *HMV*
19	(19)	**Mendelssohn: Violin Conerto**	Mutter/Karajan/BPO, *DG*
20	(13)	**Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto 2**	Solti/LSO/Katchen *Decca*

Source: Music Week Research

JAZZ

☆ **MARTIN SPEAKE:** No longer with Itchy Fingers, the altoist leads a quartet whose repertoire draws on the work of Ornette Coleman.
Sun Sessions, The Bedford, 77 Bedford Hill, London SW12 (01-673 1756). 8.30pm, £3.

☆ **BOBBY WATSON:** In residence until tomorrow, the ex-Blakey alto player appears with a a rhythm section including pianist Nick Weldon.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476) 8.45pm, £4.50.

☆ **ADELAIDE HALL:** Still in fine voice 60 years after "Creole Love Call".
King's Head Theatre Club, 115 Upper Street, London N1 (01-226 1916) 8pm, £7.90.

☆ **STEVE BERRY/MARK LOCKHART:** A bass-and-sax duet from two-thirds of the Steve Berry Trio.
Vortex Jazz Bar, 139 Stoke Newington Church Street, London N16 (01-254 6516) 8.30pm, £2.

ROCK

★ **THE POGUES:** Launch of UK tour with a benefit concert in memory of victims of the Zeebrugge ferry disaster. Proceeds to Save The Children. Support is Andy White.
Baths Hall, Doncaster Road, Scunthorpe (0724 842332) 7.30pm, £10.

★ **LITTLE FEAT:** Seventies Southern funk legend, reconstituted minus the deceased and sorely missed Lowell George.
Town & Country, 8-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-284 0303) 7.30pm, £8.50, for two nights.

☆ **SUICIDE:** New York synth duo whose early work was shamelessly ransacked by Sigue Sigue Sputnik.
International, 47 Anson Road, Manchester (061 224 5050) 8pm, £4.

☆ **SARAH JANE MORRIS:** Best known for her stints with the Communards and the Happy End.
Mean Fiddler, 24-28a Harlesden High Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490) 8pm, £5.

OPERA

☆ **THE MAKING OF THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR PLANET 8:** Sluggish production and platitudinizing libretto by Doris Lessing do little to make Philip Glass's flabby attempt at a "green" opera an attractive proposition.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £10.50-£26.

☆ **DIE FLEDERMAUS:** Simon Callow's new punk-style production for Scottish Opera returns to Glasgow.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234), 7.15-10.30pm, £3-£23.

DANCE

☆ **SWANSONG:** Soloists from London Festival Ballet give Christopher Bruce's dance drama with the classic *Apollo* and showpieces by Petipa and Bournonville.
Octagon Theatre, Hendford, Yeovil (0935 22884), matinee 2-4.30pm, £3; 7.30-10pm, £5.50-£8.50.

☆ **APOLLO:** Slivie Guillem, guest star from Paris, dances with the Royal Ballet in this and *Grand Pas Classique. A Month In The Country* and Bintley's new *Spirit of Fugue* complete the bill.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.30pm, £11-£29.

DON QUIXOTE: Christopher Gable's production for Northern Ballet Theatre reaches its home town.
Palace, Manchester (061 236 9922), 7.30-10 pm. £4-£10.50

WALKS

A JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON: meet Baker Street tube, 11am, £3 (01-937 4281).

IN AND OUT THE ALLEYS OF FLEET STREET: meet Blackfriars tube, 11am, £2.50 (0277 213704).

ON THE TRAIL OF JACK THE RIPPER: meet Tower Hill tube, 7pm, £3 (01-937 4281).

PIRATES, SMUGGLERS AND PRESSGANGS: meet Tower Hill tube, 7.25pm, £3 (01-668 4019).

LEGAL LONDON: Holborn Tube, 2pm, £2.50 (01-441 8906)

CLERKENWELL, LONDON'S HIDDEN VILLAGE: meet Farringdon tube, 11am, £3 (01-250 1039).

GALLERIES

HANNAH COLLINS: Enormous monochrome photo-works depicting desolate interior spaces.
Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647). Daily noon-8pm, 75p, until Feb 5.

WILLIAM HEATH ROBINSON (1872-1944): Sixty pictures originally devised to advertise a leather tanning company.
Chris Beetles, 10 Ryder Street, London SW1 (01-839 7551). Daily 10am-5.30pm free, until Dec 23.

VENETIAN SELF-PORTRAIT: Oils by David Denby
The Mall Galleries, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1 (01-930 6844). Daily 10-5pm, free, until Mon.

TONY CRAGG: New works by the recent Turner Prize winner
Lisson Gallery, 67 Lisson Street, London NW1 (01-724 2739), Tues-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free until Dec 24.

OTHER EVENTS

SALE OF FINE AND RARE WINES, CIGARS AND COLLECTORS ITEMS: Highlights include vintage Spanish wines from Bodegas, Marques de Murneta 1922 — three bottles will set you back between £900 and £1,200 — a magnum of Chateau Mouton Rothschild 1946, estimated at between £2,400 and £3,600. Many other fine wines and ports and a selection of unusual corkscrews.
Sotheby's, 35 and 35 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-493 8080), 10.30am and 2.30pm.

NATIONAL TRUST MUSICAL EVENING: On a Christmas theme with a cheese and punch buffet.
Arlington Court, near Barnstable, Devon, 7.15pm. Tickets £4.75. (Further details and booking 027 182 296).

ANNUAL SALE OF SPORTING AND LIVESTOCK PICTURES: Pictures include a "primitive" pig, a Devon bull and prize cow. Also a fine John Frederick Herring portrait of the 1852 Derby winner Daniel O'Rourke inscribed and dated and, for shooting enthusiasts, a Heywood Hardy depicting an elegant lady out shooting with a gamekeeper.
Bonhams, Montpelier St, Knightsbridge, London, SW7 (01-584 9161), 6pm.

COLLECTORS' FAIR: Many toys, trains, tin plate, railways and models for sale.
The Portland Club, Icknield Port Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 7-10pm.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

ESTERHAZY SINGERS: 1988/9 season includes Graham Williams *A Psalm of David*, Stanford's *Songs of Farewell*, and works by Haydn and Vaughan Williams.
St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, and St John's, Smith Square. Programmes and tickets: Esterhazy Singers, 2 Anchor Mews, London SW12 9PQ (01-675 0232).

THE VORTEX: Booking for Noel Coward play, starring Maria Aitken and Rupert Everett, directed by Philip Prowse. From Jan 26.
Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-379 6107).

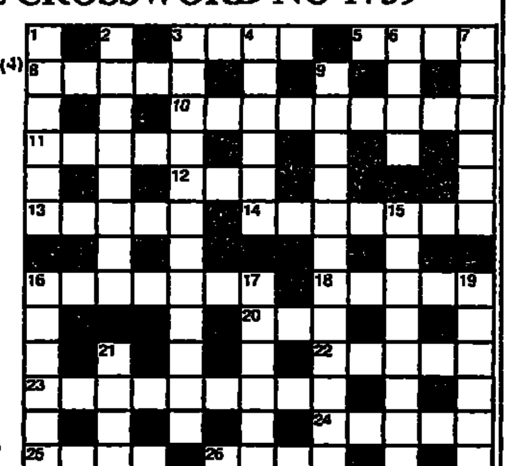
LAST CHANCE

SCHUBERT: MENDELSSOHN: THE CLASSICAL ROMANTICS: Final week of series includes Schubert's *Winter-reise*, Haydn Trio of Vienna, and Songmakers' Almanac in programme of Swan Songs by the two composers who both died tragically young.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141).

HENRY MOORE: Major retrospective of the great 20th-century sculptor, with examples from all periods, from earliest marble carvings and life drawings while a student, to recent bronzes and naturalistic drawings at the end of his working life. Ends Sun.
Royal Academy, Piccadilly, London W1. (01-734 9052).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

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5 Shine (4)
8 Love affair (5)
10 Treasury (9)
11 Decided (5)
12 Unconscious (3)
13 Attractiveness (5)
14 Like (7)
16 Skills (7)
18 Ransack (5)
20 Twitch (3)
22 Riding dress (5)
23 Face hood (9)
24 Likeness (5)
25 City (4)
26 Muddle (4)

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1 Cloth (6)
2 Attendance list (4,4)
3 Prevalence (12)
4 Lace hoop patterns (6)
6 Noisy (4)
7 Prison guard (6)
9 Barber of Seville dramatist (12)
15 Ship emergency craft (8)
16 Dainty scrap (6)
17 Bombard from air (6)
19 One or other (6)
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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 22

TAAL
(b) Cape Dutch, or Afrikaans, the taal, from the Dutch word for language: "He speaks the taal better than a Hollander can, and can understand the Boers better."

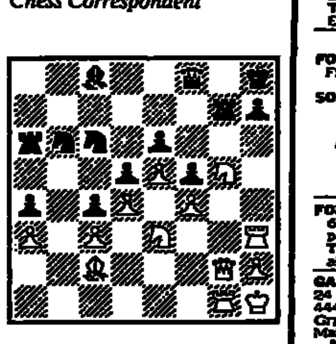
MISPICKEL
(a) Arsenical pyrites, a mineral composed of iron, arsenic, and sulphur, from the same German word, formerly *mispult*, of obscure origin: "Mispickel is a tin-white mineral, which emits a garlic smell at the blowpipe."

BILBO
(a) Plural bilboes, a rapier or sword, noted for the temper and elasticity of its blade, from Bilbao, where whippy swords that were famous throughout Europe were forged and tempered.

PTOSIS
(a) Drooping of the upper eyelid from paralysis of the elevator muscle, from the Greek *ptosis* falling from *piptein* to fall: "Wounds of the lower part of the forehead or eyebrow are sometimes followed by the disorder named ptosis, in which the upper eyelid hangs down."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is taken from the game between Janowsky (White) and Teichman (Black), Leipzig 1894. White plays and wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: Black wins with 1 Ne3 forcing promotion of his pawn.

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 cc 240 5258 **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA** Ton't 7.30 **Planet 8.** Tomor 7.30 **The Mikado.**

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 928 8800 (Credit cards accepted) **LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET** THE NUTCRACKER 26 Dec - 14 Jan. Tickets £5-£17

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Jane Rackham and Roland White

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
9.40 Edgar Kennedy in *Slightly at Sea* (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27. 8.55** Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather, followed by **Open Air.** Viewers comment on yesterday's television programmes.
9.25 Kilroy! Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on the subject of self-hatred — what drives people to mutilate themselves?
10.00 News and weather, followed by **Going for Gold** (r).
10.25 Children's BBC starts with **Playbus. 10.50 Paddington** (r). **10.55** Five to Eleven with *Amanda Redman.*
11.00 News and weather, followed by **Open Air.** The programme makers answer your questions and respond to your comments. To participate telephone 061 *814 0424.*
12.00 News and weather, followed by **Daytime Live** which includes a guide to avoiding the pitfalls of Christmas gift shopping and Glynn Christian solving your kitchen calamities. *With Alan Titchmarsh* and Judi Spiers. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather.
1.30 Neighbours. Henry's new girlfriend creates a stir in Ramsay Street.
1.50 Going for Gold. Quiz game presented by Henry Kelly.
2.15 Knots Landing. Mack continues his investigation of the Tidal Basin murders.
3.00 Six-a-Side Football Highlights of yesterday's matches in the Guinness Soccer Six (r).
3.40 Woody Woodpecker Double Bill. 3.50 Two by Two. Presented by Jenny Powell.
4.05 Lassie. Another canine adventure featuring the wonder-dog.
4.35 Hartbeat. Last in the series examines shapes and mechanics (Ceefax).
5.00 Newsround. 5.05 The Watch House. *First episode in a three-*part ghostly drama serial based on Robert Westall's novel.
5.35 Neighbours. (r)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton.
6.30 London Plus. Weather.
7.00 Wogan. Terry's guests tonight are husband and wife Twiggy and Leigh Lawson; Mary Wesley, a 76-year-old authoress who has had six successes since she started writing at the age of 70; three characters from the soap opera Pobol y cym; and music from Tribe of Toffs.
7.35 Doctor Who. Final episode in the three-part silver anniversary adventure starring Sylvester McCoy (Ceefax).
8.00 Rockliffe's Folly. Rockliffe's relationship with his daughter has settled down but a series of mysterious telephone calls about the murder of a blind farmer threaten to destroy his domestic harmony (Ceefax).
8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson.
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather.
9.30 The Visit. Compilation of the three documentaries Desmond Wilcox made six years ago about a Peruvian boy. Abandoned by his family, and facially deformed by disease, David was finally adopted by the Scottish plastic surgeon who has been rebuilding his face (Ceefax).
10.20 Sportsnight. Steve Rider introduces coverage of the finals in the Guinness Soccer Six from Manchester. Plus the rest of the sporting news including the UEFA Cup third round.
12.00 Weather. Ends **12.05am.**

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax.
1.25 Fingermouse (r). **1.40 Disappearing Enemies** (b/w).
2.00 News and weather, followed by **See Hear!** (r)
2.25 The Historyman. The unorthodox historian Brian McNerney describes the scenes in 1272 which led to the gutting of Norwich's cathedral.
2.30 Sung from the Heart examines the problems faced by a gospel singer in the world of show business (r).
3.00 News and weather, followed by **Wild World** which explores the valley of the Donner und Blitzen river and the Steens Mountain in Oregon (r).
3.50 News and weather. Regional news and weather.
4.00 Catchword. Word game.
4.30 The Victorian Kitchen Garden. Last in the series prepares for Christmas and reflects on the past year (r) (Ceefax).
5.00 The Perfect Pickle Programme compares Far Eastern pickles, such as salt pickled crabs from Thailand, with more familiar but still unusual Western ones.
5.30 Film 88. Includes reviews of *Willow* and *High Spirits* (r).
6.00 DEF II starts with **Mission Impossible.** The IMF embark on a daring plan to bring an art thief to justice (r). **6.50 Reportage.** Current affairs magazine for young people.
7.35 Call My Bluff.
8.05 Prisoners of Conscience. Tom Stoppard highlights the case of one of the world's prisoners of conscience.
8.10 Timewatch. (see Choice).
9.00 M*A*S*H. Members of the *4077th* lose their patience with a practical joker (r)
9.25 Christabel. Final episode of Dennis Potter's four-part drama about an Englishwoman who married a German lawyer and lived in Germany during the Second World War (Ceefax).
10.20 Discovering Demme Jonathan Demme talks about his films (r).
10.30 Newsnight. 11.15 Weather.
11.20 Prisoners of Conscience. See *8.05.*
11.25 Behind the Beat goes on tour with Mica Paris (r). Ends **12.05am.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **News** and ***The Morning Programme*** introduced by Lorraine Kelly and Richard Keys; **7.00 News** followed by **Good Morning Britain** presented by Mike Morris and Kathy Rochford. **8.00 News; 9.00 News** and **After Nine** which investigates male vanity.
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association game. The questionmaster is Lennie Bennett **9.55 Thames news** and *weather*
10.00 The Time . . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on the problems of facing up to death for both those with a terminal illness and the people who care for them.
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley takes a look at the new face of Britain's countryside, and reports on *getting value for money* when shopping. Includes national news at **10.58** and regional news at **11.55.**
12.10 Allsorts. 12.30 A Country Practice. Medical drama series.
1.00 News at One with *Julia* Somerville.
1.20 Thames News and weather, Crimestoppers.
1.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. Fish recipes including Fisherman's *Chowder and Fish Tikka.*
2.00 Richmond Hill. Australian drama series about two families.
2.55 Gardening Time. Green-fingered advice on ivies.
3.00 Snooker. Action from the Brentwood Centre in Essex.
3.25 Thames News and weather.
3.30 Sons and Daughters. Australian family drama series.
4.00 The Raggy Dolls. 4.10 The Rattles go camping. **4.20 Dogtanian** and the *Three Muskehounds.* Cartoon series.
4.50 Palace Hill. Comedy about a school and its pupils.
5.10 Snooker Update.
5.15 Blockbusters. Teenage general knowledge quiz game.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart (Oracle).
6.00 Thames News and weather.
6.25 Help offers advice on careers in music.
6.30 Emmerdale Farm.
7.00 This Is Your Life. Michael Aspel springs a surprise on another unsuspecting person.
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle).
8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. The entertainer's guests are Jim Davidson, Alan King and teenage pop idols, Bros.
9.00 Rumpole of the Bailey. Religion seems to be in the air. At Chambers, Ballard is to sit in judgment at an ecclesiastical court and Erskine-Brown is to prosecute; and at home the Canon of Lawnchester wants his Uncle Horace to defend him on a charge of adultery (Oracle).
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Carol Barnes. **10.30 Thames News** and weather.
10.35 Midweek Sport Special. Nick Owen introduces coverage of the last quarter final in the Everest World Matchplay snooker tournament featuring Steve Davis, and highlights of the third round in the UEFA Cup.
12.30 Kojak. The New York cop sends in an undercover man to investigate a series of murders in a Puerto Rican section of Manhattan. With Telly Savalas.
1.30 America's Top 10. Chart sounds and music gossip with Casey Kasem.
2.00 News headlines, followed by **Hammer House of Mystery and Suspense: Paint Me a Murder.** When an artist dies, his work increases in value, but the police suspect he may have faked his death (r).
3.30 Quiz Night with Ross King.
4.00 News headlines followed by **Three's Company.** Comedy series.
4.30 Fifty Years On. Vintage newsclips.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends 6.00am.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 The Parliament Programme.
12.30 Business Daily.
1.00 Reaching Agreement. (r) (Oracle).
1.30 Women: The Way Ahead. For women returning to work in traditionally male jobs (r) (Oracle).
2.00 Film: Albert, RN (1953, b/w). World War Two drama about an ingenious escape plan from a German PoW camp. With Anthony Steel, Jack Warner, Robert Beatty and William Sylvester. *Directed by Lewis Gilbert.*
3.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show invites the audience to change a friend's appearance to one they would prefer to see.
4.30 Fifteen-to-One.
5.00 Hand in Hand. *(Oracle).*
5.30 Mister Ed (b/w). Vintage American comedy series.
6.00 The Beverly Hillbillies (b/w). Vintage American comedy series.
6.30 Voices of War. Documentary *series revealing personal* experiences of the First World War using private letters, diaries and reminiscences (Oracle).
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Oracle).
7.50 Party Political Comment with a Democrat politician. Weather.
8.00 Brookside. Terry finds a partner; Sammy brings her friend home; and Rod has a row with Billy (Oracle).
8.30 Dispatches. Examination of the growth of "countertrade" deals — compensatory agreements made between a government and a foreign company to offset the effects of placing an order overseas.
9.15 Signals. Report on the "*groundscraper*", *a new type of* building which is dominating London's current building boom, apparently without co-ordination from the city planners.
10.15 Club Culture. Documentary *exploring House Music.*
11.15 Lou Grant. Los Angeles newspaper drama with Ed Asner.
12.15 Film: Breaking Glass (1980). Hazel O'Connor stars as the manipulated young punk rock *singer who makes it to the top* but is unable to cope with the pressures of stardom. Directed by Brian Gibson. Ends **2.10am.**

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TELEVISION CHOICE



Executed: Revolutionary Nikolai Bukharin (BBC2, 8.10pm)

● Among the most prominent of the victims of the Stalin purges now officially rehabilitated by President Gorbachov is Nikolai Bukharin. An intellectual and a close friend of Lenin, he was one of the makers of the 1917 Revolution. He helped to launch the New Economic Policy. Through the 1920s he was editor of *Pravda*, the official Soviet newspaper. In the 1930s he edited *Isvestia.* When Stalin eventually emerged as Lenin's unchallenged successor, he and Bukharin were for a time close allies. Bukharin was devastated by Stalin's massacre of the peasantry but, loyal to the party, stayed silent. In 1937 he was arrested and spent a year in prison before being put on trial accused of plotting to *murder Lenin and other* trumped-up crimes. He was naive enough to think that a personal approach to Stalin would save him. He was executed and his body has never been found. In **Timewatch** (BBC2, 8.10pm) Jane Treays reconstructs Bukharin's story with the help of British and Soviet academics and archive footage of the trial being shown in the West for the first time. She also calls on *two first-hand witnesses. As a* young British diplomat in Moscow, Sir Fitzroy Maclean sat through every day of Bukharin's trial. *Timewatch* takes him back to the city to reflect on an era when "fear and suspicion hung over the country like a poisonous mist". *The other direct* testimony comes from Bukharin's widow, Anna Larina. After the trial she was banished to Astrakhan, separated *from their baby son and spent* 20 years in prisons and labour camps. But at least she lived to tell the tale.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

VHF Stereo — all day in London (104.8), the Midlands (98.4), the *North (98.8), South Wales, Avon* and Somerset (98.7), Oxfordshire (98.2) and central Scotland (98.6) & MW (medium wave) News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.30** and **12.30** midnight **5.30** *Adrian John* **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **2.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Rhythm 'n' Booze Talkshow **8.30** John Peel **10.30** Nicky Campbell **12.30-2.00** Richard Skinner

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) News on the hour **4.00** Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John *Dunn* **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on **28.30** Jim Macleod's Scottish Dance Party **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** It's a Funny Business **10.30** Bubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT.**
7.00 World News **7.09** 24 Hours: News Summary followed by Financial News **7.30** Development '88 **8.00** World News **8.09** Words of Faith **8.15** Business Matters **8.30** Just a Minute **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by *Sports Roundup* **9.45** *How It All Began* **10.01** Omnibus **10.30** Jazz for the Asking **11.00** World News **11.09** News about Britain **11.15** Country Style **11.30** Londres Mrdi **12.00** Newsreel **12.15** Ireland — Naturally **12.25** The Farming World **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** 24 Hours: News Summary followed by Financial News **1.30** Development 88 **2.00** Outlook, opening with World News **2.45** Business Matters **3.00** Newsreel **3.15** The Learning World **3.30** The Million Pound Radio Show **4.00** World News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** Acker's Away **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News **5.09** *Commentary* **5.15** *English by Radio* **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Reute Aktuell **7.00** Programmes in German **8.00** World News **8.09** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Assignment **9.00** News Summary **9.15** Acker's Away **9.45** Recording of the Week **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.09** Sportsworld Extra **11.15** Good Books **11.30** Multitrack **2 12.00** Newsdesk **12.30** The Million Pound Radio Show **1.01** Outlook **1.25** Financial News **1.30** Waveguide **1.40** Book Choice **1.45** Society Today **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Assignment **3.00** World News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Back to Square One **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** The World Today **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** 848 News Headlines **5.55** Financial News **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, followed by News Headlines
7.00 *Morning Concert:* Mendelssohn (Hebrides Overture: LSO under Abbado); Britten (Four Sea Interludes — *Peter Grimes:* LSO under André Previn)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Tchaikovsky (September — *The Seasons*: Lydia Artymiw, piano): Prokofiev (Autumnal Sketch: LSO under Vladimir Ashkenazy); Tchaikovsky (October — *The Seasons*: Lydia Artymiw, piano): Virgil Thompson (Autumn — Film Score: Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra under Neville Marriner with Ann Mason Stockton, harp). Tchaikovsky (November — *The Seasons*: Artymiw, piano); Georgy Sviridov (Waltz — Incidental music to Pushkin's *Snow Storm*: Rossia Folk Music Ensemble); Tchaikovsky (December — *The Seasons*: Artymiw, piano); Glazunov (Autumn — Ballet Music *The Seasons*: Philharmonia under Evgeny Svetlanov)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: J S Bach: Kantor, Kapellmeister and Organist. Cantata 132 *Bereitet die Wege, bereitet die Bahn* (Leonhardt Consort, Collegium Vocale and Hanover Boys Choir under Leonardt with Sebastian Hannig, boy soprano; Rene Jacobs, alto; Marius Von Altena, tenor; Max Van Egmond, bass); Sonata in D (Wieland Kuijken, nda da gamba and Gustav Leonardt, harpsichord); Chorale Prelude on *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* (Concentus Musicus Vienna and Tölz Boys Choir under Nikolaus Harnoncourt with Seppi Kronwitter, soprano and Ruud Van Der Meer, bass)
9.35 Nicanor Zabaleta: The King of Harpists. C P E Bach (Sonata in G for harp solo); Albeniz (Granada; Zaragoza); Debussy (Danse Sacrée et danse profane, for harp and strings: Paul Kuentz Chamber Orchestra under Paul Kuentz)
10.10 Russian Violin and Piano Music: Lydia Mordkovitch, violin and Roger Vignoles, piano, play Prokofiev's Five Melodies, Op 35b; Tchaikovsky's Méditation, Op 42 and Prokofiev's *Sonata No 2 in D, Op 94a* (r)
11.00 Midweek Choice: Presented by Susan Sharpe. J S Bach (Sinfonia — Cantata No 42: LCO under Anthony Bernard); Rebecca Clarke *(Viola Sonata: Simon* Rowland-Jones, viola and Andrew Ball, piano), Philip Glass (Knee Play I: Philip Glass Ensemble); Sibelius (Tapiola: BSO under Serge Koussevitsky); Mozart (Divertimento in *E flat*: London Wind Soloists under Jack Brymer); Simpson (Symphony No 6: Royal Liverpool Philharmonic under Vernon Handley)
1.00 News
1.05 Concert Hall: Joanna MacGregor piano, plays Bartok's Suite Op 14 Debussy's Images Book 2 Messiaen's Vingt Regards sur l'enfant
2.00 Record Review
3.10 Vintage Years: Recordings of the pianist Leopold Godowsky (1870-1938). Schubert (Morgengruss — *Die schöne Müllerin*); Grieg (Ballade in G minor, Op 24); Chopin (Sonata No 2, in B flat minor, Op 35)
4.00 Choral Evensong: Live from Ripon Cathedral
5.00 Count Ayres: Music from the publications of John Playford including works by Locke, Jenkins and Baltzar (Parley of Instruments under Peter Holman)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure: Presented by Fritz Spiegl
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Chaired by Robert Hewison
7.30 City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Conducted by Simon Rattle and led by Felix Fox. Strauss (Four Last Songs); *Stravinsky (Four Studies for* Orchestra); John Adams (Harmonium, for Chorus and Orchestra)
8.40 The Idylls of Theocritus: Last of four readings from the work of the Greek poet of the third century BC. Readers: Russell Dixon; John Franklyn-Robbins and Pearce Quigley
9.10 Music for Two Pianos: Played by Bruno Canino and Antonio *Ballista. Mozart* (Sonata in D, K 448); Ravel (Ma mère l'oye); Gershwin (An American in Paris); Copland (Danzon cubano); Gershwin (Rhapsody in Blue)
10.40 No Dialogue: by John O'Neill
11.00 Composers of the Week: Balakirev and Cui: Cui (Four Poems of Jean Richpin, Op 44); Balakirev (Symphonic Poem — *Russia*; *Sonata in B* flat minor); Cui (La Tombe et la rose, Op 32 No 3 (r)
12.00-12.05 News

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 6.30pm-7.00 Wales Today **12.05am-12.05** News, weather, close. **SCOTLAND:** 10.55am-11.00 Dotsman **6.30pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **10.20-12.00am** European Sportscene **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 6.35pm Today's Sport **6.40-6.55** Inside Ulster **6.30** Neighbours **6.55-6.57** Inside Ulster Update **10.20-12.00am** Sportsnight **ENGLAND:** 6.20pm-6.57 Regional news magazines.

ANGLIA As London except:**12.20pm-1.00** Sullivans **1.20-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** About Anglia **12.30am** Crazy Like a Fox **1.30** Soap **2.00** Sportsworld **3.00** The Concert **4.00** Ray Bradbury Theatre **4.30-5.00** Jack Thompson Down Under.

BORDER As London except:**12.20pm-1.00** California Highways **1.20-1.30** News **2.30-2.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Lookaround **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Quiz Night **2.00** Sportsworld **3.00** The Concert **4.00-5.00** Nightbeat.

CENTRAL As London except:**12.35pm-1.00** Young Doctors **1.20-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** News **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Wrestling **2.25** Twilight Zone **2.50** The Concert **3.50** 64,000,000 Years Ago **4.00-5.00** Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:**12.20pm-1.00** Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30-2.00** Country Ways **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Channel Report **12.30am** Viewers' Choice **2.00** The Fugitive **3.00** The Hit Man and Her **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

GRAMPIAN As London except:**12.20pm-1.00** Sullivans **1.20-1.30** Headlines **6.00-6.30** North Tonight **10.35** Film: Eagle's Wing **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Quiz Night **2.00** Sports Action **3.00** The Concert **4.00-5.00** Night Beat

GRANADA As London except:**12.20pm-1.00** Sullivans **1.20-1.30** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Granada Reports **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Quiz Night **2.00** Sportsworld **3.00** The Concert **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

HTV WEST As London except:**12.20pm-1.00** Gardening Time **1.20-1.30**

HTV WALES As HTV West except:**6.00-6.30pm** Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** Sullivans **1.20-1.30** Scotland Today **3.30-4.00** Gardening Time **6.00-6.30** Scotland Today **10.35** Celtic Routes **11.20** Kojak **12.15am** New Squadronaires **12.30** Donahue **1.30** Quiz Night **2.00** Sportsworld **3.00** The Concert **4.00-5.00** Tracking.

TSW As London except:**12.20pm-1.00** Young Doctors **1.20** News **6.00-6.30** Today **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Quiz Night **2.00** Sportsworld **3.00** The Concert **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

TVS As London except:**12.20pm-1.00** Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30-2.00** Coast to Coast People **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Coast to Coast **12.30am** Viewers' Choice **2.00** The Fugitive **3.00** Hit Man and Her **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

TYNE TEES As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time **1.20-1.30** News **5.00-5.30** Northern Life **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Quiz Night **2.00** Sportsworld **3.00** The Concert **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

ULSTER As London except:**12.20pm-1.00** *Sons and Daughters* **1.20-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Six Tonight **6.35-6.30** Preview **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Quiz Night **2.00** Sportsworld **3.00** The Concert **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

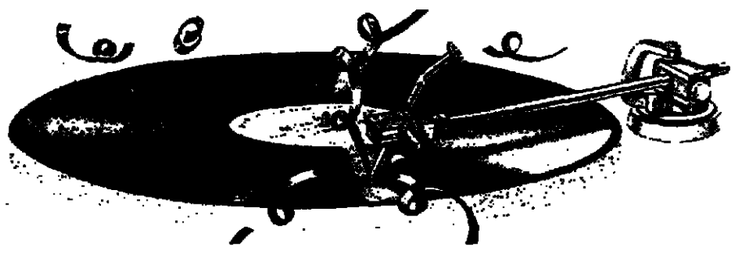
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S4C Starts:**9.30am** Schools **12.10pm** Pobol Y Cwm **12.30** Newyddion **12.35** Fflalabalam **1.00** Open College **2.00** Parliament Programme **2.30** A People's War **3.30** Radbrick **4.00** Cartoon Alphabet **4.30** Fifteen to One **5.00** Hot Property **5.30** Secret Life of the Vacuum Cleaner **6.00** Newyddion **6.15** Smyrfs **6.40** Pobol Y Cwm **7.00** Band Yr Andes **7.30** Profi'r Pethe **8.00** Hel Straeon **8.30** Newyddion **8.55** Fiermio **9.30** Film: True Grit **11.55** *Return to Glennascaul* **12.15am** Late Shift **2.10** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts:**2.30pm** The Stars **3.00** Live at Three **4.00** Emmerdale Farm **4.30** Edward the Seventh **5.30** Country Practice **6.00** Angelus **6.01** *Six-One* **7.00** This Is Your Life **7.30** Zero **8.00** Hotel **9.00** News **9.30 Today Tonight 10.10 Strings in the Air 10.40 Bookside 11.10 Equinoxe 12.05am News, Closedown.**

NETWORK 2 Starts: **2.30pm Bosco 3.00 Five With Forty 3.10 Flipper 3.35 Abracadabra 4.05 Return of the Antelope 4.30 Happy Birthday 4.45 Real Ghostbusters 5.10 Look Around 5.25 Mighty Mouse 6.00 Jo-Maxi 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nanuchi 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 Faces of Japan 8.30 Use Your Money 9.00 Golden Girls 9.30 Imaginary Friends 10.30 Network News 10.50 Nightshanks 11.35 Closedown.**

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Radio 4

LW (Long Wave) (s) Stereo on **VHF 5.55** Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing: Weather
6.10 Farming Today Live from the Royal Smithfield Show **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** Yesterday *in Parliament* **8.57** Weather
9.00 News **9.05** Midweek. Guests include Ernie Wise and Glenda Jackson
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time recorded at the recent BBC Radio Show. With experts *Sue Phillips*, Fred Downham, and Dr Stefan Buczacki
10.30 Morning Story: Tourist Trap by Maryan Baker. Read by Trevor Nichols
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News: The Wednesday Feature. Marks the 20th anniversary of the death of Karl Barth, one of the century's most challenging Christian writers, who was described by Pope Pius XII as "the greatest theologian since St Thomas Aquinas" (See Choice)
11.47 Bel Canto or Can Belto: Last of Bernard Keeffe's programmes on the mysteries of *learning to sing*
12.00 News; You and Yours. In the week that the Government has launched its campaign against drinking and driving, John *Waite examines* the problems of alcohol abuse. How can we all learn to drink more wisely?
12.25 Crown House. A family saga set in the 1920s.Gayle Hunnicut, Jane Asher and Martin Jarvis. Alice (Dinah Sheridan) learns that the King's condition is very serious (6 of 8) (s) **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World at One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour, including an interview with the Lord Chancellor, advice on getting out of a rut, and a look *at bio-degradable* plastics
3.00 News; Yorkshireman Never Drink Gin. Play by Chris Thompson. Graham is a contented man, enjoying a life of quiet routine — until Liz arrives at his office (s)
3.47 Time For Verse (s) George MacBeth talks to Liz Lochhead about her life and poetry **4.00** News
4.05 File on 4 with Max Easterman
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: Natalie Wheen talks to women entertainers — those on the way up, and those at the top
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report **6.30** Screenplay: Iain Johnstone hosts the celebrity movie quiz with panellists Dick Vosburgh, Kenneth Connor, Sylvia Syms and Leslie Halliwell (s).
7.00 News **7.05** The Archers. The latest news from Ambridge
7.20 South of Sixty (s). Antarctic scientists are busy monitoring the activities of penguins, seals, albatrosses and krill. What are they learning from animal behaviour in the frozen wastes?
7.45 Up the Garden Path (s) by Sue Limb. Last instalment of an eight-part sequel to her novel. Starring Imelda Staunton as Izzy
8.15 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts reports on the state of health care. Can aspirin help prevent gallstones?
8.45 *Punters: An opportunity for* listeners to report on life's injustices, problems and quirks
9.25 Profile
9.45 Kaleidoscope including reviews of new films: *Willow*, by George Lucas, of *Star Wars*, and Neil Jordan's *High Spirits*, featuring Peter O'Toole
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Saturday Night and Sunday Morning by Alan Sillitoe (8 of 12).
10.29 Weather **10.30** The World Tonight **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Today in Parliament. *The day's proceedings from* the Commons and Lords **12.00** News incl Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast.
VHF As **LW** except.
11.00am-12.00 For Schools **11.00** Music Makers **11.40** Junior Dance **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools **1.55** Listening Corner **2.00** Recorder Club **2.20** Idiophone Instruments around the Globe **2.40** Rattles, Grapples, Jingles and Gamelans **5.50-5.55** PM (Continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night Time Religious Studies for GCSE and General RE

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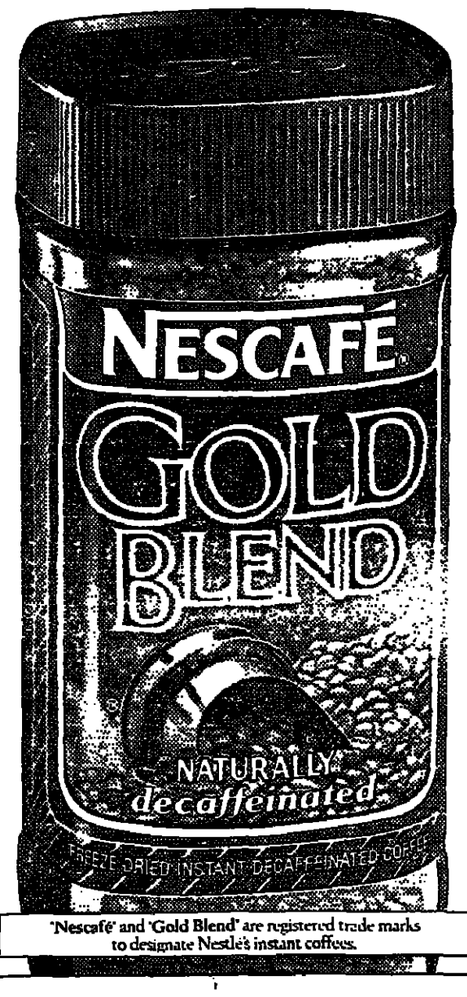


Allan Boesak talks about Karl Barth (R4, 11.00am)

● If you believe that you are even closer to God when you listen to Mozart than when you are in a garden, you will find a soul mate in **Against the Stream** (*Radio 4, 11.00am*), Keith Clements's feature about Karl Barth, the great Calvinist theologian. Asked what he would say to Barth if *he met him in Heaven*, the South African anti-apartheid campaigner Allan Boesak replies: "Is it true you enjoyed listening to Mozart more than *writing your theology? If it is*, I'm not surprised to find you in Heaven." It is not, however, Barth's allegiance to Mozart but his insistence on man's allegiance to God, first and last, that Clements examines in such fascinating detail. When men like Barth proclaim that the power of the grace of God is the source of true freedom, and that Heaven has sovereignty over earth as much as the soul has sovereignty over the body and man has over woman (a sore point, this, with the Christian feminist movement), we can understand why, on the allegiance issue, Barth was a thorn in Hitler's side. And why he is so highly regarded by South African black religious leaders — though not in the sex war context — as a theologian of resistance.

Peter Davalle

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Thatcher 'rebuke' at Currie remarks

By Staff Reporters

The Prime Minister yesterday delivered an implied rebuke to Mrs Edwina Currie, Under-Secretary of State for Health, over her remarks on egg contamination and at the same time gave the public a lead on what to eat.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher said after reading two reports from Sir Donald Acheson, the Government's Chief Medical Officer: "I then decided to have scrambled egg on toast for lunch and enjoyed it."

She rejected demands for her to act against Mrs Currie which reached a peak in the Commons when Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, a senior Conservative, said: "Are you

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aware of the devastation caused to the livelihoods of many people in the poultry industry by the reckless and uninformed statement by a junior minister with an uncontrollable tongue?"

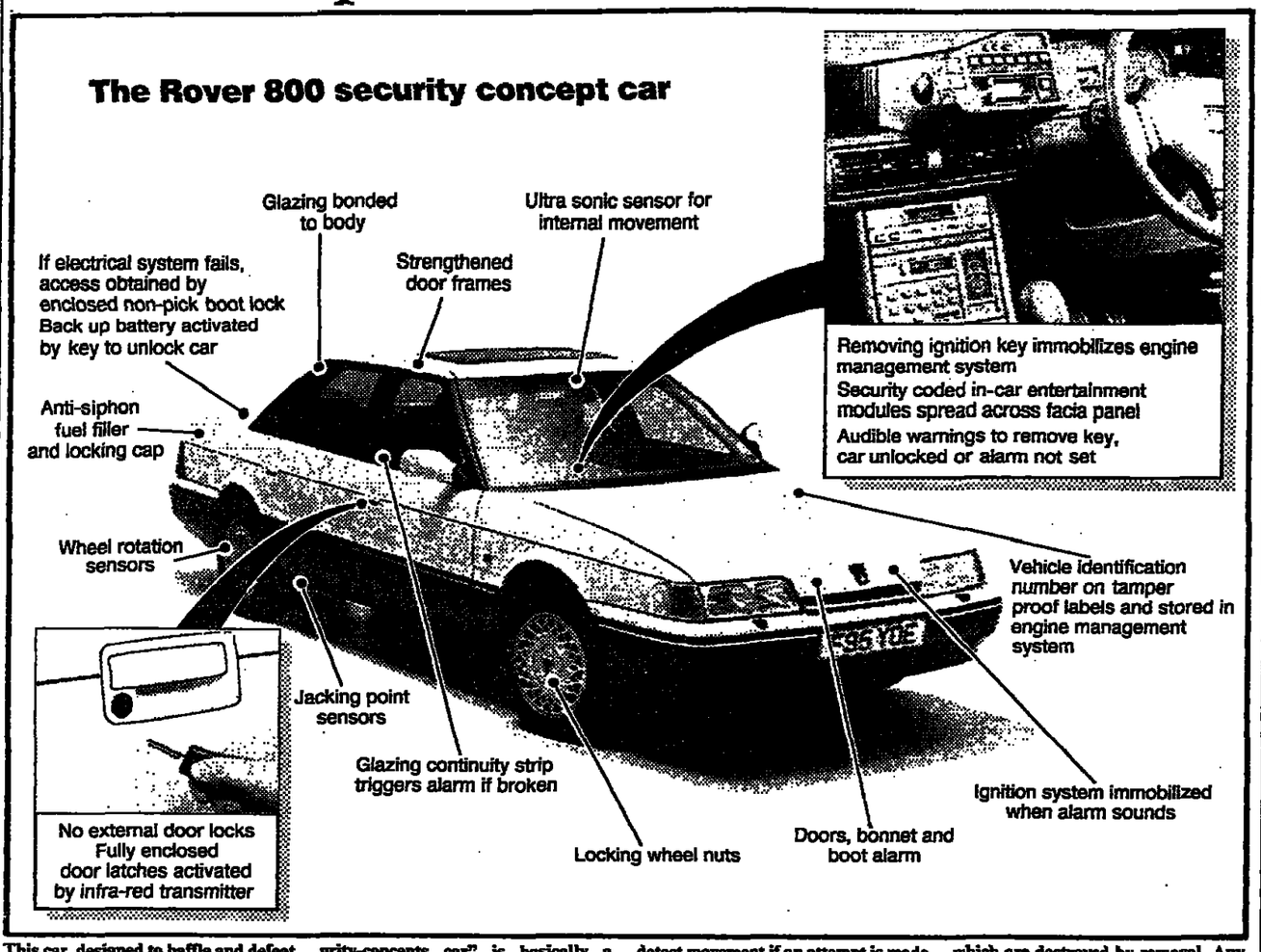
Mrs Thatcher's Commons statement on her lunch arrangements were welcomed by egg producers, whose advance sales continue to fall by up to 25 per cent as shops, schools and hospitals cancel orders. Mr Peter Dean, managing director, of Dean's Farms Eggs in Bedfordshire, said: "Her remark in distancing herself from Mrs Currie is very helpful and will make our outlook less bleak."

Meanwhile, Mrs Currie, speaking publicly for the first time since upsetting the industry by saying "most egg production" was infected with the bacteria, caused more anger.

She refused to withdraw her comment, adding that she had no regrets. "I suspect we have all underestimated the problem, but I think we are all aware of it now," she said.

A car to put the thief out of business

The Rover 800 security concept car



This car, designed to baffle and defeat thieves, was unveiled in London yesterday by Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office.

Austin Rover, which had been asked by the Home Office to produce a top-security car, said that neither a police team nor an independent car-crime consultant had succeeded in gaining access without badly damaging the bodywork (Peter Evans writes). Even with the windows smashed, the doors could not be opened.

There is urgent need for a crime-proof car. From 1983 to 1987, recorded theft or unauthorized taking of vehicles increased by 19 per cent, and theft from vehicles by 55 per cent.

What Austin Rover calls its "security-concepts car" is basically a Rover 800 Sterling. There are no external door locks but a system activated by an infra-red transmitter in the car key. Removal of the key from the steering column lock immobilizes the electronic management system and prevents a "hot start" by wiring the ignition to the battery.

The alarm system can be triggered by the doors, bonnet and boot, and incorporates an electronic sensor to detect movement inside the car. A continuity strip fitted on one side triggers the alarm if a window is broken. While the alarm is activated the ignition is immobilized. On the other side, laminated glass is fitted.

Wheel-rotation sensors are fitted to detect movement if an attempt is made to tow the car away, and another sensor detects any attempt to jack up the car to remove the wheels. Locking wheel-nuts are also fitted.

Since many thieves go for the radio-cassette player, the company has split the components, none of which will work without the others. If the thief gets at the radio-cassette player, the battery supply will be cut and he will be unable to use the unit because a secret number known only to the owner would have to be keyed in.

The chassis number has been added to a plate which can be read through the windscreen, and all important components are identified by the same number using tamper-proof labels which are destroyed by removal. Any attempt to steal petrol from the car would meet an anti-siphon fuel filler and lockable petrol cap.

Austin Rover says that, with one exception, the car meets all the security standards under discussion with the British Standards Institute. The exception is the warbling sound from the alarm and the associated flashing headlamps. Both are illegal under current "construction and use" regulations but were thought necessary to make the system fully effective.

The company says that, because of the cost, about £1,000, it is unlikely that all these sophisticated systems will become factory-fitted items on all its cars.

Political sketch

Teased Hilda gets back at the bullies

Why are all MPs called Norman? Well, not *quite* all. Some are Reggie, Ronnie or Stan; most others answer to Cyril or Cecil; a handful of Archies and that's about it.

Undoubtedly there are more Normans in Parliament than in the whole of the rest of Britain. It cannot be coincidence. Why are people with ludicrous names driven by some unseen force to stand for election?

As with so many great discoveries the answer came to me by chance, while pondering two other great questions of our time. Why can so few politicians pronounce their r's? And why, as Mills and Boon prepare to choose "The most romantic MP in the House", is not one in an assembly of 650 even remotely eligible?

In a flash it was all clear. All three questions have the same answer. *MPs were desperately unpopular at school.*

They were the boys and girls who got teased in the playground. Some had funny names. Some had speech-defects. Some had squidgey little faces, awful freckles, or problems with girls. And the whole of their lives since, have been a desparate attempt to compensate. Plump little Kenneth hid in the loo from the other boys, sobbing silently: "*I'll* show them. One day, I'll be Secretary of State for Education. I'll wear flashy ties and be popular with *all* my mates." Correct Miss Margaret-Hilda flinched at classmates' taunts: "Snobby-Roberts! Snobby-Roberts!" Inwardly she vowed to work even harder, to be even *more* superior, and — one day — to be the first woman Prime Minister in the Western world, *and* end up a Duchess.

Thin, shy, studious young Michael Meacher ("Mcacher, Meacher, suck-up to the Teacher") knew he'd grow up to be a working-class hero. Oh yes! They'd be sorry they'd bullied the bloke they now needed to protect *them*! He'd stand at the Opposition despatch-box, championing the unemployed.

So he did yesterday, for Employment Questions. Opposite him was the Secretary of State. Who is called Norman. And cannot pronounce his r's. When he was Minister of Transport his Labour opposite number was called Albert (really!) and couldn't pronounce r's either.

Their repartee on "redundant British Rail rolling-stock" was richly rewarding.

Someone called Conal from York wanted to know why some tourist information centres were closed in winter — "a national scandal". We moved on, to hear Cyril from Rochdale. But soon Cecil, from Barrow-in-Furness (the Tory who ousted Labour's Albert) was on his feet, worried (reading between the lines) lest Norman's relaxing of the rules about employing teenagers might usher back chimney-sweeps.

A different Norman, from Chingford, looked in. This Norman would have been disappointed by the first Norman's moderate reply. Dale, Derek and Kenneth (Workington, Leeds and Blackley) intervened.

Then on to a Mr Rooker's question ("Rooker! Rooker! You're a silly ..." never mind) where Bernard from Castle Point came to Norman's aid. Alistair's exchange about Bury N proved interesting to Dafyd from Caernarfon, so there was hardly time to hear Irvine, from Sheffield. And none for Dudley (of Kensington), Archy from Roxburgh, or Spencer from Elmet. As for Hugo and Trevor (Walthamstow and N Bedforshire), there was no chance at all of questions 79 and 80 being reached.

For it was time for Prime Minister's Questions with Hilda. The first was from Keith of Manchester; the second from a Ms Walley of Stoke. Hugh, from Hornsey, was away, but a freckled person called Neil seemed especially agitated, while a chap called Robin Maxwell-Hislop was furious about a girl called Edwina.

With Hilda sat Tristan (a whip, or class-monitor). In garish tie was Kenneth who (since our story started) has become Education Secretary. Still waiting at the back was Sydney from Barnet. Standing at the Bar of the House, yet another Kenneth, from Lincoln; next to a Miss Fookes and a Mr Brandon-Bravo.

The House never reached Humphrey's question. They will be disappointed, in Croydon.

Matthew Parris

450 sacked by Morgan Grenfell

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saw confirmation on their Topic screens at 9 am yesterday.

One senior gilts dealer with more than 16 years' service with Pinchin Denny, the old stockjobbing firm acquired by Morgan Grenfell, told *The Times*: "We heard on Friday that something big was about to happen, but it makes you sick when you have to read it in the papers first."

He added: "There have been numerous management meetings of late amid persistent rumours, but we on the gilts side thought we were safe. We have increased market share in the gilt market from 2 per cent to nearly 6 per cent, and were doing rather nicely.

"So this has come like a bolt out of the blue. They (the management) have said that they will redeploy some staff on the gilts side, but I can't say I would want to stay."

Other dealers found it hard to comprehend that the Morgan Grenfell management still had failed to work out the redundancy package. "Obviously, the leaked story in the press has caught them with their pants down and they have had to rush out with this statement. We have been told to return to the offices tomorrow in order to hear news about money, and I bet it will be bearish," said one dealer.

One senior partner, who had been with the firm for more than 26 years, said: "There have been plenty of rumours recently about our operation, but obviously you take no notice of them. We have been losing money like everybody else, but I always thought it was a case of swings and roundabouts and that the good times would return.

"However, when the worst happens, it hurts. It is a great shame and I only feel for the good younger dealers of the firm who have big mortgages and a wife and children to feed. Job prospects are nil in the City at the moment and so a lot of them are in for a long hard winter."

In La Marmaitton, a French restaurant popular with Morgan Grenfell staff, some appropriately bought "suffering bastards", a lethal mix of liqueurs guaranteed to ease the pain.

Mr Mohamed Alim, manager of the restaurant, said: "So many of my friends have lost their jobs, people who came in here after work every evening to relax are shattered.

"Last night we had a big Christmas party and everyone had a good time. Many of them got very drunk. Now we shall not see them again."

The company had tried to impose a vow of silence on all staff, but one dealer, married with a young child, said: "Why should we keep quiet? Our jobs are gone, we have to tell our wives, and Christmas is coming."

Miss Joanne Gordine, aged 20, from Rayleigh, Essex, who handled paperwork after a deal was complete, cried when she heard the news. "I was very happy there."

Another dealer had comforting words for Morgan Grenfell shareholders who paid 500p a share at the time of the flotation, but who have seen them plummet to a low of 236p since the crash, before rising to 310p yesterday.

"One thing is for sure; the shares are a buy now that the market-making operation is out of the way. Somebody will definitely take the leaner Morgan Grenfell over — and good riddance to it."

Awaiting an attack of Gorbymania

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government spring new proposals on his opposite number without warning," Dr Kissinger said on TV yesterday.

The Administration has been hectically trying to narrow down the likely areas of a Gorbachov surprise. The main hints have suggested an offer to reduce conventional weapons in Europe, though the Americans are also prepared for the possibility that he will outline initiatives on human rights, the Middle East and Afghanistan.

As much as Mr Gorbachov is scoring a hefty publicity coup with his New York sojourn with the American public and among UN members, not everyone sees him in a dominant position. Most experts agree that he needs the glory of an appearance on the world stage to stiffen his standing at a time of some turmoil and uncertainty at home.

In one extraordinary session with the press, Soviet public figures argued among themselves about the extent of opposition to their leader. All agreed it was substantial and one — the director of the Lenin-Komsomol theatre — said a majority of the country was against him.

His speech to the General Assembly tomorrow, the first by a Kremlin chief since Khrushchev's harangue of 1960, is being officially depicted as the high point in a bout of statesmanship that has included talks with 15 world leaders since September.

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Water rates set to rise

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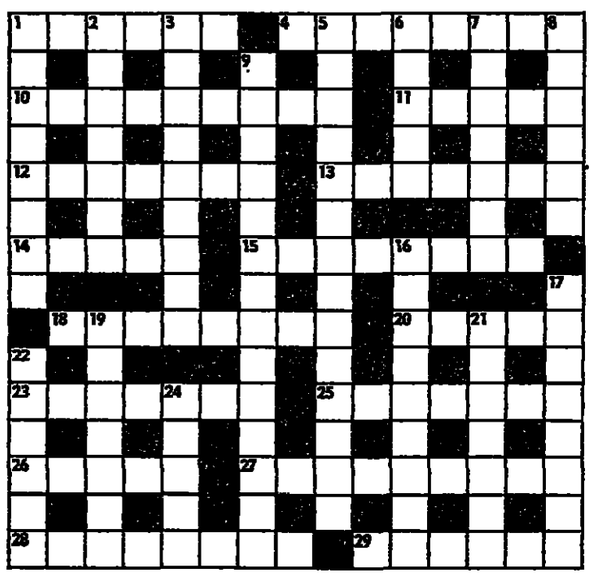
privatization. Mrs Ann Taylor, the Labour frontbench spokesman on the water industry, said: "This shows that water costs will rise even before privatization. Their aim is to raise prices to the maximum before privatization takes place to ensure maximum future return to the shareholders."

Mr Stanley Hill, a member of a water company board, acquired the letter and predicted that the companies, providing a quarter of the water supply in England and Wales, would increase their charges by 10 per cent above inflation next year.

The water authorities have already been advised to keep their tariff increases to just under 10 per cent but the claim that the companies may increase their prices by 10 per cent more than the inflation rate will anger the Opposition and cause misgivings among government backbenchers.

The letter was sent to the general managers of the water companies on November 30.

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ACROSS

1 Cover story — see article inside (6).
4 Cattle-truck often crashes in race (5-3).
10 Make a canister for this toy diver (9).
11 Beyond a foreign sea, it's desert (5).
12 In jest, ingest: a variant form (7).
13 Being unmanageable, I have to go on holiday (7).
14 Twice nightly showing: 'Fighters of Old England' (5).
15 Volunteer for grave purpose — I will shortly receive thanks (3,2,3).
18 Gives further consideration to a point of drill (8).
20 Pronounce complete (5).
23 Collection of ballads, *inter alia*, for poor woodcutter (3,4).
25 Religious scholar gazing about himself in a whirl (7).
26 Sound of an animal (5).
27 Speak indirectly, but win argument (4,5).

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28 Dominate by bowling spin (8).
29 King given pretentious cloak, but it comes from the heart (6).

DOWN

1 Bird-dog mixture (8).
2 Hurried up to express criticism, say (7).
3 Bluff in City — small change in value (9).
5 Town where VAT is levied on cue rests for billiards, including pool (9,5).
6 French writer, eccentric and not working (5).
7 Warm drink (7).
8 Breaking up an old borough (6).
9 Suit for an Amazon? (6-8).
16 The start of ream contains inferior paper (9).
17 Severe, smart externally, but without emotion (8).
19 Cooked pie with preserve in classy diner (7).
21 Platform for a Roman officer (7).
22 After a bomb explodes, there's nothing but grass (6).
24 Perfume is working on Jack (5).

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

TAAL
a. The scorer at bezique
b. Afrikaans
c. A Babylonian coin

MISPICKEL
a. Arsenical pyrites
b. A mischievous tomboy
c. Gherkins or wallies

BILBO
a. A sword
b. An armoured cod-piece
c. A longbow with spearhead

PTOSIS
a. A drooping eyelid
b. Mendacious mendicity
c. Dropping stress in a meter

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,845

P	H	R	A	S	E	B	O	O	K	■	K	E	E	P
U	■	E	■	L	■	O	■	B	■	■	■	A	■	A
B	A	L	L	O	O	N	I	S	T	■	P	R	O	D
S	■	E	■	W	■	E	■	E	■	R	■	L	■	D
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C	L	E	A	N	E	R	S	■	A	L	U	M	N	I
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D	O	G	S	■	B	E	D	L	I	N	G	T	O	N

WEATHER

After a frosty start, it will be a mostly dry day with quite a lot of sunshine, especially in the east and south, with a ridge of high pressure covering Britain. The odd shower may occur in the extreme north of Scotland and eastern East Anglia at first. Western and northern Scotland will be cloudier with some drizzle. Winds will be much lighter than yesterday. Outlook: Mostly dry, rain in northern Scotland.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	f	Majorca	16	61	f
Akrotiri	19	66	s	Malaga	18	64	s
Alex'dria	20	68	f	Malta	18	64	s
Algiers	18	64	f	Melb'rne	-	-	-
Amst'dm	7	45	c	Mexico C*	10	50	f
Athens	16	64	s	Miami*	25	77	s
Bahrain	22	72	s	Milan	-	-	-
Barcelna	16	61	s	Moscow	1	34	r
Belgrade	4	39	r	Munich	2	36	c
Berlin	5	41	r	Nairobi	25	77	f
Bermuda*	19	66	f	Naples	17	63	f
Biarritz	11	52	c	N Delhi	20	68	s
Borde'x	9	48	f	N York*	4	39	f
Brussels	6	43	f	Nice	17	63	s
Budapst	5	41	s	Oslo	2	36	f
B Aires*	30	86	f	Paris	6	43	c
Cairo	21	70	f	Peking	5	41	s
Cape Tn	27	81	s	Perth	26	79	s
C'blanca	17	63	f	Prague	4	39	f
Chicago*	6	43	s	Reykjvik	8	46	r
Ch'church	21	70	c	Rhodes	17	63	s
Cologne	5	41	c	Rio de J	28	79	s
Copnhgn	3	37	c	Riyadh	25	77	s
Corfu	16	61	f	Rome	15	59	f
Dublin	7	45	s	Salzburg	2	36	sn
Dubrovnik	15	59	f	S Prisco*	14	57	s
Faro	17	63	s	Santiago*	30	86	s
Florence	17	63	s	S Paulo*	27	81	d
Frankfurt	6	43	c	Seoul	7	45	c
Funchal	19	66	c	Sing'por	30	86	f
Geneva	3	37	r	St'kholm	-2	28	sn
Gibraltar	17	63	s	Strasb'rg	6	43	c
Helsinki	-1	30	c	Sydney	20	68	c
Hong K	18	64	s	Tangier	15	59	c
Innsbruck	2	36	c	Tel aviv	14	57	t
Istanbul	13	55	s	Tenerife	22	72	s
Jeddah	-	-	-	Tokyo	13	55	s
Jo'burg*	23	73	f	Toronto*	2	36	c
Karachi	25	79	s	Tunis	18	64	c
L Palmas	21	70	f	Valencia	16	61	s
Le Tquet	7	45	c	Vanc'ver*	5	45	r
Lisbon	15	59	s	Venice	10	50	s
Locarno	11	52	c	Vienna	5	41	f
L Angels*	24	75	c	Warsaw	3	37	r
Luxembg	3	37	f	Wash'ton*	8	46	s
Luxor	24	75	f	Wel'ngtn	16	61	r
Madrid	11	52	s	Zurich	3	37	sl

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.01	6.4	12.19	6.3
Aberdeen	----	----	12.04	3.9
Avonmouth	5.32	11.6	5.49	11.9
Belfast	8.39	3.1	9.48	3.2
Cardiff	5.17	10.8	5.34	11.1
Devonport	4.05	5.0	4.24	5.0
Dover	9.31	9.0	10.02	8.1
Falmouth	3.35	4.8	3.54	4.8
Glasgow	11.24	4.5	11.23	4.8
Harwich	10.12	3.6	10.37	3.7
Holyhead	8.50	5.1	9.05	5.1
Hull	4.40	6.6	5.02	6.7
Ilfracombe	4.21	8.2	4.37	8.3
Leith	12.46	4.9	1.10	5.0
Liverpool	9.41	8.5	9.57	8.5
Lowestoft	7.37	2.3	8.20	2.3
Margate	10.26	4.4	10.54	4.5
Milford Haven	4.40	6.2	4.57	6.2
Newquay	3.33	9.2	3.50	9.3
Oban	4.22	3.6	4.23	3.7
Penzance	3.08	5.1	3.25	5.1
Portland	8.09	2.0	5.22	1.9
Portsmouth	9.51	4.4	10.16	4.3
Shoreham	9.33	5.6	9.57	4.1
Southampton	9.28	4.2	9.51	4.1

Tide in metres: 1m=3.28ft. Times are GMT

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	5.4	-	8	46	sunny
Bridlington	6.2	-	7	45	sunny
Hunstanton	2.7	-	7	45	sunny
Cromer	2.8	-	7	45	sunny
Lowestoft	0.2	-	6	43	sunny
Clacton	1.2	.06	7	45	cloudy
Southend	0.9	-	7	45	cloudy
Margate	0.3	-	7	45	cloudy
Folkestone	0.1	-	7	45	cloudy
Hastings	0.3	-	8	46	cloudy
Eastbourne	-	.01	9	48	rain
Brighton	0.6	-	9	48	rain
Worthing	0.8	.01	9	48	cloudy
Littlehmptn	0.8	.01	8	46	rain
Bognor R	1.1	.02	9	48	rain
Southsea	0.5	.03	8	46	rain
Sandown	-	.09	7	45	rain
Shanklin	-	.15	7	45	rain
Bournemth	-	.15	8	46	rain
Weymouth	-	.48	8	46	rain
Torquay	-	.42	9	48	rain
Falmouth	-	.78	9	48	rain
Penzance	-	.60	9	48	rain
Scilly Isles	0.7	.57	10	50	shower
Morecambe	3.1	.10	7	45	hail
Douglas	3.1	.02	8	46	shower
Buxton	1.8	.15	5	41	hail
Carlisle	4.9	.01	7	45	sunny
Leeds	5.1	.05	8	46	shower
Nottingham	3.1	.01	7	45	sunny
Anglesey	2.1	-	9	48	bright
Aberdeen	5.8	-	6	43	bright
Aviemore	4.4	.06	5	41	sleet
Eskdalemuir	5.0	.06	5	41	sunny
Kinloss	1.7	.14	5	41	shower
Larwick	-	.23	5	41	shower
Prestwick	2.2	.13	7	45	hail
Stornoway	3.0	.15	6	43	shower
Tiree	3.1	.10	7	45	hail
Wick	2.0	.54	5	41	hail

These are Monday's figures

THE POUND

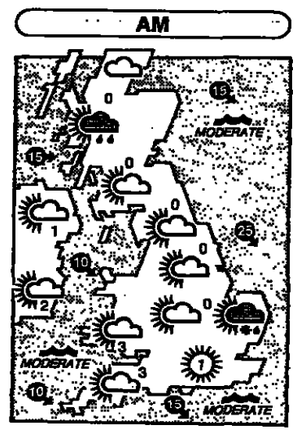
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.195	2.075
Austria Sch	23.70	22.30
Belgium Fr	70.40	66.80
Canada $	2.308	2.188
Denmark Kr	12.84	12.24
Finland Mkk	7.82	7.52
France Fr	11.39	10.79
Germany Dm	3.348	3.168
Greece Dr	290	270
Hong Kong $	15.03	14.23
Ireland Pr	1.25	1.19
Italy Lire	2480	2350
Japan Yen	242	225
Netherlands Gld	3.73	3.53
Norway Kr	12.43	11.83
Portugal Esc	276.50	262.50
South Africa Rd	4.75	4.25
Spain Pta	217	206
Sweden Kr	11.85	11.05
Switzerland Fr	2.805	2.655
Turkey Lira		
USA $	1.955	1.855
Yugoslavia Dnr	11100	8900

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

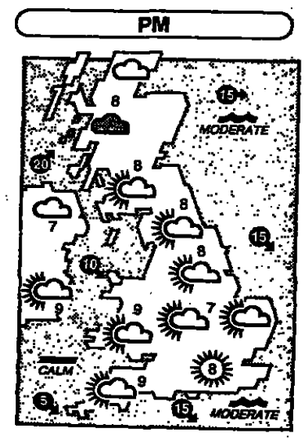
Retail Price Index: 109.5 (October)

London: The *FT* Index closed up 5.8 at 1444.8.

AM



PM



LONDON

Monday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6 pm, 72 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1008.6 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Jersey, Channel Isles, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Jersey, 1.41in; highest sunshine: Newcastle upon Tyne, 6.7hr.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 8.30am and 12.00

MANCHESTER

Monday: Temp: max 8 am to 8 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (38F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.3hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.22 pm to 7.23 am
Bristol 4.32 pm to 7.33 am
Edinburgh 4.10 pm to 8.00 am
Manchester 4.26 pm to 7.42 am
Penzance 4.50 pm to 7.38 am

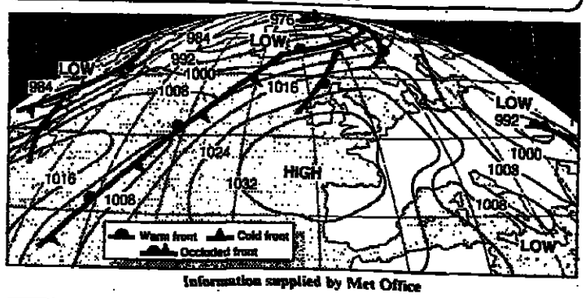
YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	7	45	s	Guernsey	9	48	f
B'mingham	8	43	s	Inverness	7	45	c
Blackpool	7	45	s	Jersey	9	48	f
Bristol	8	46	c	London	7	45	f
Cardiff	8	46	s	M'nchster	6	43	s
Edinburgh	8	46	f	Newcastle	7	45	c
Glasgow	7	45	f	R'nldsway	9	48	s

Sun rises: 7.52 am
Sun sets: 3.52 pm
Moon rises: 6.15 am
Moon sets: 2.07 pm
New Moon December 9

NOON TODAY



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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1444.8 (+5.8)	US dollar 1.8670 (–0.0040)
FT-SE 100 1767.4 (+5.8)	W German mark 3.2299 (+0.0043)
USM (Datastream) 153.06 (–0.31)	Trade-weighted 78.8 (+0.1)

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Ladbroke to buy US race track

Ladbroke Group, the hotels to racing group, has exercised an option to buy The Meadows race track near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for $17 million (£9.10 million). The Meadows is one of only four race courses in the state of Pennsylvania and had a turnover last year of $75 million.

The deal came as a result of legislation passed by Pennsylvania last week, which will allow off-track betting but only with owners of race courses. Following the deal Ladbroke will open six off-track betting theatres.

Water plea

Northumbrian Water is trying to have the £60 million takeover bids by Lyonnaise des Eaux for two North East statutory water companies referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Food group up

Northern Foods raised pre-tax profits from £34.5 million to £39.3 million in the six months to end-September, on sales £6 million ahead at £511.2 million. The interim dividend is 4.75p, up 0.5p.

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Bond pledge

Mr Alan Bond has pledged more than half his 21 per cent stake in Lonrho as security for a loan facility from American Express. Comment, page 25

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2130.16 (+6.40)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average . 29669.38 (+54.70)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2676.59 (+5.38)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 275.6 (+4.0)
Sydney: AO ..... 1459.3 (+12.0)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1603.2 (+13.3)
Brussels:
General ..... 5347.8 (+23.2)
Paris: CAC ..... 389.7 (–1.5)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 510.7 (+2.0)
London:
FT–A All-Share ..... 917.20 (+2.36)
FT– "500" ..... 995.30 (+2.31)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 180.6 (–0.1)
FT. Fixed interest ..... 96.51 (+0.02)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 87.22 (+0.26)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Morgan Grenfell ..... 309½p (+11p)
Harland Simon ..... 371½p (+8p)
Elys (Wimbledon) ..... 735p (+10p)
Ladbroke ..... 429½p (+8½p)
Glynwed ..... 255½p (+9p)
T Cowie ..... 133½p (+7p)
Int Thomson ..... 877½p (+18p)
General Accident 883½p (+11½p)
Legal & General ..... 288p (+8p)
Ultramar ..... 258p (+14p)
Imry Merch ..... 450½p (+11p)
Royal Insurance ..... 371p (+8½p)
FALLS:
Reuters ..... 467p (–8p)
JS Pathology ..... 205½p (–17p)
De La Rue ..... 402½p (–10p)
Gresham House ..... 425p (–10p)
Jaguar ..... 269p (–7p)
Hardanger ..... 680p (–10p)
Rosehaugh ..... 571p (–16p)
Berkeley Group ..... 202½p (–9p)
Closing prices
Bargains 21099
SEAQ Volume 466.4m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 13%
3-month interbank 13⅛–13¼%
3-month eligible bills: 12¹¹/₁₆–12⅝% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10½%
Federal Funds 8⁹/₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.99–7.97%*
30-year bonds 99⅝–99²⁵/₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8670	£: $1.8660*
£: DM3.2299	$: DM1.7320*
£: SwFr2.7053	$: SwFr1.4517*
£: FFr11.0283	$: FFr5.9130*
£: Yen226.93	$: Yen121.67*
£: Index78.8	$: Index92.1
ECU £0.644721	SDR £0.739136

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $429.00 pm-$427.25
close $427.00-427.50 (£228.75-229.25)
New York:
Comex $427.10-427.60*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan) pm $14.15bbl ($14.35)
* Denotes latest trading price

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH
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● Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: the market was little swayed by news of job losses at Morgan Grenfell (02768) which gained 11p. Willis Faber (01796), a large shareholder, was 5p to the good. National Westminster Bank (01216) gained control of a Paris stockbroker and rose 3p. Harland Simon (01652) trebled profits and ended the day 8p firmer. The leisure market did well as Fairline Boats reported good results and put on 8p.
● Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

★★★★★★

Morgan quits market after losses of £22.5m

By David Brewerton

Morgan Grenfell has quit market-making in equities and gilt-edged securities in the face of rising losses. Mr John Craven, chief executive, said that having a market-making business was "having a licence to lose money".

The decision – with the loss of 450 jobs – effectively means the group is the first big company to abandon plans to become a full-service, integrated securities house, although others are thought likely to follow.

Morgan Grenfell said the securities business had lost £22.5 million in the last 11 months, of which £4.5 million was in gilt-edged and the major part in equities.

The loss figures are sharply higher than indicated at the halfway stage, when only £5 million had been lost. The rapid acceleration in losses follows the further deterioration in market conditions in the past three months.

Morgan Grenfell Securities was founded on the bones of Pinchin Denny, a former jobbing firm, and Pember & Boyle, a broker specializing in gilt-edged.

Mr Craven said he was "facing the consequences of decisions made when Morgan Grenfell opted to go into the securites business about three years ago, but opted not to take the high road of buying a major broker with a major market presence".

Morgan Grenfell nevertheless carved out a market share which fluctuated between 2 per cent and 3 per cent in equities, and amounted to 5 per cent in gilts. Mr Craven said that "to be able to win through to the stage where we had a few per cent of the market would have been a miraculous feat". The firm had been aiming for a 6 per cent market share in equities.

News of the withdrawal – while deeply unpopular among staff who read about it in their newspapers or on their dealing screens – was welcomed by others in the City, who see at least one competitor removed from the game.

Mr Robert Cowell, managing director of Hoare Govett Securities, commented that "there has to be more capacity taken out of the market. The top eight securities houses act for every listed company in the UK, but those without a corporate list have nothing to fall back on".

Morgan, despite its impressive client list on the banking and corporate finance sides, never managed to build a corporate list in its broking operations, which reflects the fact that it did not start by buying a major broker.

However, the decision to pull out reflects a total reversal of the message being put out by Mr Craven in September, when he said not only that the company was committed to building a securities business, but that the integrated houses would be the only winners in the battle for market share.

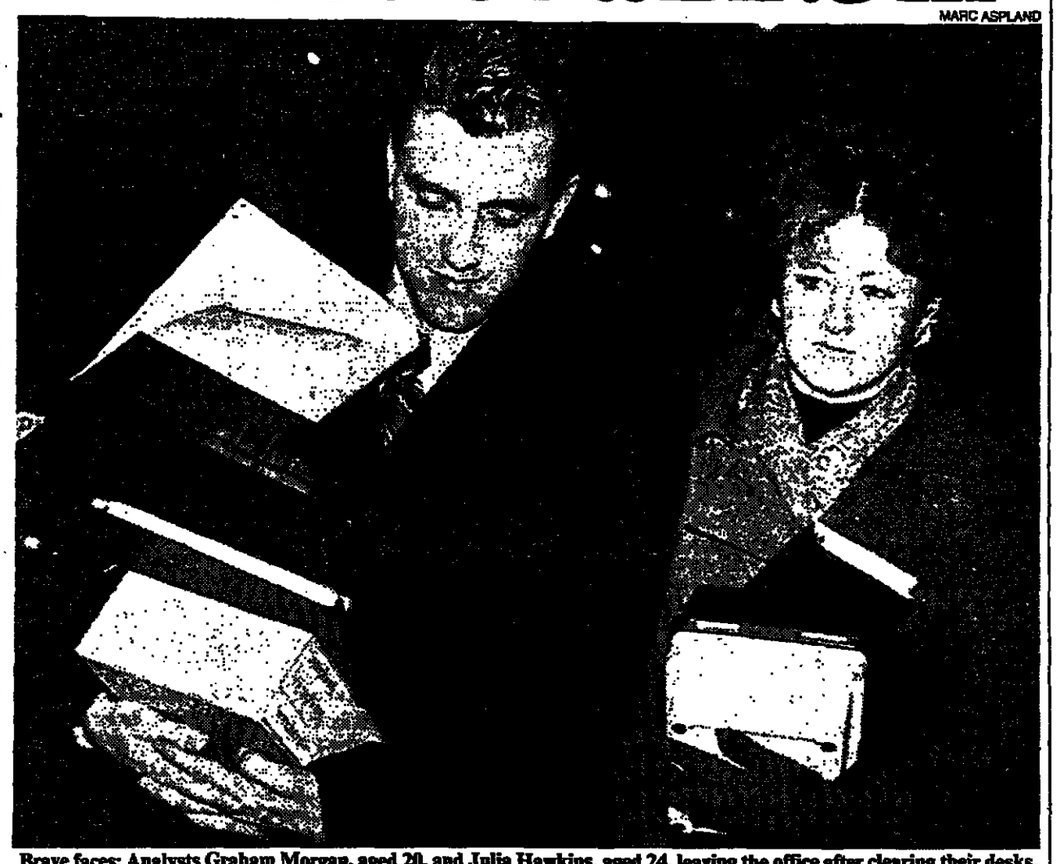
Morgan Grenfell shares, floated at 500p just over two years ago, rose sharply after the decision was announced, and closed 11p to the good at 310p.

Mr Craven said the "planned restructuring" would assist the remaining core businesses (asset management, banking and corporate finance) "to develop with fewer constraints" and that the overall prospects of the group "are excellent".

Mr Cowell believes that as more firms start making their budgets for next year, they will have to accept that losses in market-making are too heavy to carry and will pull out.

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MARC ASPLAND



Brave faces: Analysts Graham Morgan, aged 20, and Julia Hawkins, aged 24, leaving the office after clearing their desks.

Hard-pressed dealers begin worrying over next casualty

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Morgan Grenfell's withdrawal from securities trading caused little surprise in the City where hard pressed dealing firms have for months been expecting a major casualty in the stock market shakeout.

The City's workforce has dropped by more than 17,000 over the last year, according to the Banking, Insurance and Information Union. Among international banks and securities houses there has been a 20 per cent fall in employment since the crash.

The number of employees has declined from about 72,000 to 58,000 – roughly the level before the pre-Big Bang recruitment drive two years ago. Although there have been several large and well-publicized redundancy packages most jobs have been lost in a steady trickle.

"The problem is simple," said Mr John Macfarlane, managing director of Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers: "In the current conditions market makers' revenues are massively outpaced by their costs." Since most firms do not expect an early improvement in equity trading volumes further redundancies and withdrawals are regarded as inevitable.

A nervous stock market was rife with rumours. Despite persistent City speculation CSV vehemently denied any intention to cut back its commitment to the equity markets. Other houses said to be on the verge of reducing their commitment include Chase Manhattan – which has already scaled down its holding in its London securities operation – Shearson Lehman, the US investment bank, and Kleinwort Benson Securities.

BZW, the securities arm of Barclays Bank, also denied suggestions that it was planning redundancies. Even SG Warburg, widely regarded as one of the most successful British investment banks since Big Bang, was the subject of redundancy speculation.

All stockmarket firms are under pressure as revenues have declined. CSV calculates that the revenues of stock market firms now amount to about £300 million, compared with costs of £500 to £600 million a year.

The post-Big Bang erosion of commission levels has not helped but more recently the low stock market turnover and a price war on dealing spreads has had a catastrophic effect. Mr Howard Coates, head of BZW's UK research, estimates that the competitive cutting of dealing spreads by 30 per cent in August has meant a loss in revenues of about £200 million.

Market makers believe that most firms will hold on for a few more months before reducing their dealing exposure.

Bid has curbed competition says Plessey

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Plessey, target of a hostile £1.7 billion bid from the General Electric Company (GEC) and Siemens of West Germany, has unleashed its first major counter attack by claiming that the bid move has "gravely prejudiced" Plessey's position as a competitor of GEC.

The accusation is understood to be contained in a confidential letter from Plessey's legal advisers to the Office of Fair Trading urging that GEC should not be released from its undertaking not to acquire more than a 15 per cent stake in Plessey. This was given in 1986 when a Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation quashed GEC's previous attempted takeover of Plessey.

Plessey says the new bid has halted a series of competitive moves, including a number of acquisitions. The letter apparently claims there are 21 instances of Plessey actions which have been halted by the bid and that in 14 cases the "stopper" has operated directly to the benefit of GEC as a competitor of Plessey. In the other cases the "general weakening" of Plessey was of indirect benefit to GEC, the letter claims.

The Plessey broadside came as GEC was unveiling better-than-expected interim results showing turnover at £3.07 billion, up 15 per cent, and pre-tax profits just over 10 per cent higher at £313 million. An interim dividend of 2.15p was up 19 per cent.

GEC shares ended up 3p at 178p.

Most of GEC's businesses were doing well and results were a positive response to recent reorganization of core activities, Lord Prior, chairman, said in a letter to shareholders. Exports were up 10 per cent to £581 million while the export order book exceeds £2 billion.

Profits on United Kingdom operations were up nearly 16 per cent and those in the Americas by just over 38.5 per cent. The cash mountain has shrunk 5 per cent to £1.24 billion following acquisitions.

The Plessey letter to the OFT claims that the "highly anti-competitive" effects of the new bid were clearly foreseeable and urges that a decision on the undertaking be made before the year end to stop GEC continuing to gain a competitive benefit.

In a crucial passage, the letter maintains that Siemens going in as a partner in the bid is "arguably" not a material change since GEC's previous bid. The letter says that any company finding itself prohibited from taking over a competitor could escape undertakings not to do so "simply by finding a continental partner to join in the exercise accompanied by parrot cries of '1992'."

GEC is to invest a further £20 million in expanding production capacity at its turbo generator factory at Larne, County Antrim, its second investment of this size at the factory within two years. The latest programme, involving requipment and reorganization of the 500,000 sq ft factory, will add 40 jobs to the present 720. The factory makes heavy heat-exchanger equipment for power stations.

Among the Plessey moves affected are understood to be a major European cross shareholding arrangement in the defence sector and acquisition talks in five separate situations, including an interest in a European defence company. All are part of Plessey's drive to increase its defence interests as it competes with GEC.

Two big technology exchange arrangements are also said to have been affected.

There could also be delay in the separate placing of a proportion of shares in Hoskyns, the computer services company, as required by the Stock Exchange.

£158m Compass float

A £157.9 million price tag has been placed on Compass Group, the contract catering business bought by its management from Grand Metropolitan, which is coming to the stock market through an offer for sale (Cliff Feltham writes).

The shares have been priced at a cautious 245p, or 12.6 times historic earnings.

Mr John Nelson, managing director of Lazard Brothers, the merchant bank handling the issue, said: "We have obviously taken into account market conditions, and we decided it was better to have a good performance in the aftermarket rather than go for a high price."

Lazard is offering 38 per cent of the company, which will raise £55.2 million after expenses.

In the year to end-September, Compass made a pre-tax profit of £13.3 million after £12 million interest charges.

Trafalgar outlook brighter on 40% increase to £229m

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

After two years of his Trafalgar House group being in the shadows, Sir Nigel Broackes, the chairman, emerged into the sunshine at his Ritz Hotel to unveil a 40 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £229 million for the year to end-September.

"Barring any setback in world economic growth, circumstances are now set fair for a good performance on all fronts, with commensurate growth in earnings per share," he said.

Trafalgar's property and investment division boosted its operating profit from £106 million to £149 million, mostly from housebuilding.

But Sir Nigel said housebuilding profits should not be hit badly by the latest mortgage rises. Although unit sales might be lower, profit margins had grown sharply during 1987-88, and were still healthy.

The group is looking for growth this year and beyond, chiefly because of a record £2 billion commercial property development programme, which Sir Nigel says is too well spread to be vulnerable to temporary weaknesses – for instance in demand in the City.

Tempus 24

Trafalgar has, for the time being, abandoned the sale of its oil and gas interests which were proposed in August, because it wants to wait until it can obtain a better price.

Mr Eric Parker, Trafalgar's chief executive and deputy chairman, has launched an initiative to sort out some of the group's complex consortium freight shipping companies, such as Atlantic Containers and Associated Container Transportation (Australia).

He feels that, if ownership were unified and agencies taken in, overhead savings could reach £20 million. "But it will not be easy," he said.

He is also on the lookout to buy an extra five-star passenger liner, but could build a new one in Japan to serve the Japanese cruise market, which Trafalgar believes presents a great opportunity.

Leucadia bids for Cambrian

By John Bell, City Editor

Leucadia National Corporation, the US financial group, has launched a takeover bid for Cambrian & General, the former investment vehicle of insider dealer, Mr Ivan Boesky.

Leucadia has been building up its holding in Cambrian recently and at the last count held 28 per cent of its capital.

Terms of the offer are 108p in cash for each ordinary share of Cambrian and 120p cash for each Cambrian capital share. This values the whole of Cambrian at about £68 million.

Leucadia launched the offer through Camacq Corporation, a specially formed subsidiary.

The bid is likely to meet resistance.

Growth forecast for industrialized nations lifted to 4.25%

IMF chief warns on monetary policy

From Bailey Morris, Montreal

M Michel Camdessus, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, warned yesterday that policies in the industrialized countries that have led to higher interest rates in recent weeks could dangerously retard the adjustment process in the Group of Seven nations.

At the same time he disclosed that the IMF had revised upwards its growth forecast for the industrialized countries which he said would rise to 4.25 per cent this year, the highest rate since the beginning of the 1970s. Growth has continued strong without a corresponding rise in inflation, which M Camdessus said was surprising. Inflation would remain at 3.2 per cent this year.

The strong growth, which was most notable in Europe, presented a "window of opportunity" to the G7 countries to begin dismantling restrictive trade practices which had increased and would retard growth, M Camdessus said.

He expressed strong concern that heavy reliance on monetary policy in the US and other countries could bring severe economic disruptions. He urged the G7 nations to balance their policies through substantive fiscal measures, which was seen as a reference to the US's failure to address its budget deficit.

"Interest rates of course are rising, world oil prices are rising, and the dollar is where it was at the beginning of the year. I am concerned that the policy does not take into account the adjustment process," M Camdessus said, at a briefing during the meeting of world trade ministers gathered in Canada under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt).

M Camdessus made an unusually strong appeal for positive movement on the trade front which he said was linked inexorably to debt. He said the industrialized countries, which were under strong pressure in Montreal to agree to reform in agriculture, trade in services, and tariff reductions, could not afford to "wait for success in exchange rates" before dismantling their restrictive policies. To wait would be "suicidal", particularly in the context of the debt problems of developing countries.

M Camdessus said ministers should adopt a common international strategy for trade. New IMF studies revealed, however, that as the industrialized nations were experiencing the most favourable economic growth of the decade, they were adopting the most restrictive trade policies which were harming the developing world.

One of the proposals at Montreal, supported by the IMF, was a provision that would result in a new surveillance role for Gatt similar to the IMF's role in pressing countries to adopt sound economic policies in return for new loans. But Gatt would be pressing nations to adopt sound trade policies and would not be offering new money. Many developing nations oppose the new role.

M Camdessus's address came as US and European officials met behind closed doors to try to break a stalemate over agriculture and trade in services. French officials were pessimistic that agreement on key areas could be reached.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Harland Simon soars 182% to record £1.1m

Strong growth in all activities pushed half-time profits up 182 per cent to a record £1.134 million at Harland Simon, the electrical and computer systems designer. Sales rose 133 per cent to £14 million. Mr David Mahony, chairman, said the group achieved budgeted levels of business over the first half but the incidence of contract completions strongly favoured the second half. The group continued to pursue its policy of seeking strong organic growth with additional contributions coming from carefully selected acquisitions, he said.

The half year saw a significant development of the group with the acquisition of F&H Controls, which would make a positive but modest contribution this year. Shareholders will receive an interim dividend of 1p against 0.6p last year.

£3.3m buys for Osprey

Osprey Communications, the advertising and marketing services group, has acquired two companies, Acute-Marketing & Communications Group and Creative Sales, for a maximum £3.3 million. There will be initial payments totalling £917,000, of which £742,000 will be financed through a share issue.

£1.5m stake for Norfolk

Norfolk House, the petrol station and property development company, is paying £1.5 million for a two-thirds stake in Free Room (UK), a company set up to market free hotel accommodation by way of travel incentives and sales promotions. The business made profits of £216,000 for the nine months to the end of March.

Departures hit Atkins

The early retirement of two directors has hit Atkins Brothers (Hosiery), the textiles group, which saw pre-tax profits fall from £513,000 to £390,000 in the six months to September 30. The retirement bill of £162,000 more than wiped out a small increase in operating profits from £544,000 to £573,000. The shares fell 10p to 378p. The company has expressed concern about the effect of interest rates and inflation on trading.

Turnover increased from £8.84 million to £9.25 million. Earnings per share were down from 8.76p to 6.64p. The company raised the interim dividend from 3.0p to 3.3p.

Booth profit jumps 84%

Booth Industries, the structural steel fabricator, has reported an 84 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £242,000 in the half year to end-September, and forecast a better trading performance in the second half and opportunities from planned North Sea development. A 0.6p dividend compares with 0.375p last time.

TGI up 56% to £1.64m

TGI, the maker of hi-fi loudspeaker systems, reported a 56 per cent rise in profits to £1.64 million in the half year to end-September. Group sales, which include the Goodmans, Tannoy and Mordaunt-Short brands, climbed 27 per cent to £21 million. Shareholders will receive an interim dividend of 2p per share.

TEMPUS

Trafalgar steams out of the doldrums with property boost

Much was expected from Trafalgar House, if only for the effects of the housing boom on a group producing 5,000 units a year. The outcome was at the top end of forecasts, with pre-tax profits up 40 per cent to £229 million on turnover just 13 per cent higher at £2.7 billion.

Last year's £300 million pseudo rights issue ensured that the gains were more modest further down the profit and loss account. But earnings per share were still up 16 per cent to 36.6p.

The 10 per cent rise in dividends to 16p per share was also understandable, given that cover had been falling in the two previous thin years.

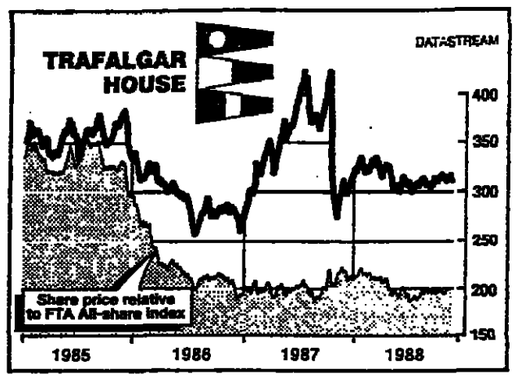
After stuttering briefly to life, however, Trafalgar shares speedily relapsed from 310p to 304p, valuing the once glamorous group at 8.3 times earnings and on a dividend yield of 7 per cent.

Trafalgar is definitely out of favour, as it has been since the oil price collapse of 1985 knocked its growth record, costing perhaps £30 million-plus a year.

One disappointment was that since the oil and gas division was put up for sale in August, no acceptable bids have been received. Trafalgar is, therefore, hanging on for the time being to a business returning £7 million profit on £28 million revenue, but which the market hoped it might sell for £120 million.

The other drawback is housing, which accounted for more than half the £149 million operating profit from property and investment — and therefore a third of group profits.

But Trafalgar is in no mood for modesty about that. Unit sales may be down this year by up to a fifth but it reckons margins widened so much during 1987-88 that profits should stay up or even rise.



Construction should improve after a standstill £54 million profit on stagnant turnover of £1.36 billion. And there is enough confidence about hotels and shipping (where profits rose 54 per cent to £47 million on turnover up a third to £610 million) for talk of buying more hotels and an extra luxury liner.

The main emphasis, however, is on the group's record £2 billion property development programme, with more than doubled £681 million worth of developments for sale at the year-end.

This immediate earnings momentum makes the shares good value and there is still enough entrepreneurial excitement to add long-term spice.

Argyll Group

With so much misery in the market generally, and in the stores sector in particular, it is refreshing to find some good cheer at Argyll Group.

In essence, Argyll's ambition is nothing less than to move up the food chain to challenge Tesco and Sainsbury for market leadership.

Argyll's Safeway chain is already challenging Tesco on the margin front — Tesco is fractionally ahead at 4.77 per cent, compared with Safeway's 4.7 per cent. However, there is a long way to go before it approaches Sainsbury's 6.45 per cent.

Argyll's margin growth was limited to a 0.2 percentage point rise to 4.7 per cent in the first half, partly because of the accelerated pace of the conversion of the Presto chain into Safeways. Last year only seven Prestos were converted on a base of 133 Safeway stores. This year 55 are being converted on a base of 176 Safeways, a rate which puts considerable stress on the business.

The benefits are coming through in turnover growth already. Of total turnover of £1.9 billion in the first half, £1 billion came from Safeway stores, representing a rise of 50 per cent. Of this, 3.5 per cent was due to inflation and 43 per cent was attributable to new space, leaving an underlying rate of sales growth of 3.5 per cent on a like-for-like basis, comparing favourably with the competition.

The group's ambition is to double total sales to £4 billion by 1991, 85 per cent of which will be from Safeway. It will have 6.5 million sq ft of selling space, rivalling Sainsbury in terms of size.

However, at £11 its sales per sq ft will still be significantly less than Sainsbury's £17. But Safeway will then be of a size that will allow it to spend significantly on developing the Safeway own-label brand and new product marketing, allowing it to inch up sales per sq ft.

For the full year, Argyll's profits should rise by 18 per cent to £207 million pre-tax. The prospective multiple of 10.7 is a reflection of negative sentiment on the sector, rather than Argyll's above-average prospects within it.

Northern Foods

Northern Foods' return to favour on the stock market has as much to do with the rise and rise of the Marks and Spencer television dinner as the continuing presence of Hazlewood Foods as a 3.6 per cent shareholder.

Hazlewood was warned off by Marks, Northern's biggest customer, earlier this year — some say just hours before it planned to bid — and takeover talk is now definitely off the menu at Northern itself as it continues to shed its former stodgy image as a downmarket milkman and baker.

Pre-tax profits up 14 per cent to £39.3 million at the half-year were in line with expectations. The smartest rise, of 43 per cent, came in meats, where reorganization at Bowyers, as well as a pruning of its distribution network, started a recovery.

The switch from fully-owned to franchised milk rounds continued in the dairy group, lifting earnings by 13 per cent.

But the real expansion should come within convenience foods, in the television dinners — although this is an unfair term for the cornucopia now available, with 53 new lines sold to Marks during the half year alone.

Sales in convenience foods rose 26 per cent, with profits up by much the same despite disruption as the group put in more plant, implying no weakening of margins in exchange for volume growth.

Expansion into the Continent — where chilled, prepared meals are still a novelty — and into the US is a long-term aim. Until then, Northern has no exposure to currencies, while its low gearing protects it from rising interest rates.

Pre-tax profits of £87 million; forecast by Barclays de Zoete Wedd, for the current year, would suggest a respectable p/e multiple of exactly 10, on a price up 1p at 275p yesterday, while an 11p total dividend implies a 5.4 per cent yield.

The shares offer high-quality earnings and continuing good growth.

ITL makes cuts after £2.5m loss

A severe cost-cutting programme is under way at ITL Information Technology, involving an 8 per cent cut in staff, after the group lost £2.5 million in the half year to October 16.

The board said it was working to improve productivity and project management. In the first half of last year ITL made profits of £352,000. There is no dividend, though there may be one at the full year, says the company.

Turnover dropped 10 per cent from £14.5 million to £13 million due, says the company, to a lower opening order book and a disappointing level of orders for Momentum computer systems. The loss was primarily due to poorer computer sales and lower margins on bought-in equipment.

Crosby profit up to £1.29m

Dearer mortgages are having little impact on the profits of James Crosby group, the upmarket house builder which operates mainly in the North-west. Reporting a 62 per cent increase in half-time profits to £1.294 million, Mr Michael Burgess, the chairman, said trading continued strong.

There was a 67 per cent rise in interim dividend to 1p per share.

Dividend at Reliant Motor

Shareholders in Reliant Motor group received a bullish report from Mr John Nash, the chairman, who said: "The group is now viable, has cash in the bank, and can commence a dividend policy."

Mr Nash also revealed that Reliant was negotiating an acquisition and reported profits of £172,000 for the year ended September 30 (£153,000). The dividend is ½p per share.

Trafalgar House. This year we're in better shape than ever.



The results for the year to September 1988 represent a return to growth in earnings per share and lead to increasing confidence within the operating divisions. Turnover increased to £2,676 million in 1988 compared with £2,368 million in 1987, reflecting increased activity in Property and Shipping.

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For Construction and Engineering, it was a year of consolidation. Lack of international construction orders was offset by improvement in the U.K. market and excellent results from John Brown's worldwide business.

Shipping and Hotels saw the return to a full year's operation by the QE2 and the continued expansion of our 5 star leisure activities. The first stage of the Cunard Ellerman rationalisation plan for Cargo Shipping was implemented.

Despite a difficult year, Oil and Gas marginally increased its operating profit.

1988 Results	£m	Increase
Property and Investment	149.1	41%
Construction and Engineering	53.5	1%
Shipping and Hotels	46.5	54%
Oil and Gas	6.9	23%
Operating Profit	256.0	32%
Profit before Tax	229.1	40%
Ordinary Dividend	16.0p	10%
Earnings per share	36.6p	16%

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BPB Industries fined £2.1m for monopoly violations

From Michael Dynes, Brussels

The European Commission yesterday imposed a £2.1 million fine on BPB Industries Limited, and its subsidiary British Gypsum Limited, for illegal monopoly practices in Britain and Ireland in 1986 and 1987.

Following a complaint by Iberian Trading (UK) Limited, an importer of Spanish plasterboard, the Commission found evidence that BPB had been operating a system of "fidelity payments" to British builders' merchants, on condition they obtained their supplies from BPB. The Commission also found evidence that, during a period of plasterboard shortage, BPB had granted companies who stocked British Gypsum plasterboard considerably more favourable delivery dates, in violation of the Community's competition policy.

BPB is the world's second largest plasterboard producer and the largest in Europe, with plants in the United Kingdom, Ireland, France, Germany and Belgium. Consolidated net turnover in 1986-87 topped £750 million.

The Commission said: "It is well established under the EEC competition rules that action by firms in a dominant market position to tie up customers is liable to amount to a violation of Article 86 of the Treaty."

It added: "BPB Industries held market shares of over 90 per cent, and was the only producer of plasterboard in Britain and Ireland.

"The exclusionary practices were liable to affect interstate trade by making it more difficult for imports from other member states to enter the market."

Anglia Secure at £7.5m

By Cliff Feltham

Anglia Secure Homes, which builds and manages retirement homes has no fears that dearer mortgages will affect its end of the housing market.

The company, which sold 600 homes for the year to September 30, is aiming for between 800 and 900 this year.

Mr Peter Edmondson, the chairman, said: "The current slowdown of the housing market has not affected our sales programme so far."

Anglia yesterday reported full-year pre-tax profits of £7.5 million, meeting the forecast made when it bought the Alfred McAlpine Retirement Homes business. Earnings per share doubled to 34.5p.

The company turned in £3.8 million in the previous year. Brokers are looking for about £12.5 million in the current year.

Shareholders collect a final dividend of 2.25p, boosting the total for the year to 4p, double the previous payout.

Shortages 'forcing up' Scottish office rents

By Our City Staff

An undersupply of office space in Glasgow and Edinburgh was forcing up rents at rates not seen outside London and central Birmingham, said Mr David Walton, the chairman of Scottish Metropolitan Property.

The board was optimistic about growth over the next years in the Scottish business community, which was generally healthy notwithstanding the levels of borrowing and unemployment, he told the company's annual meeting.

Mr Walton said that Ben Mhor House in Epsom, Surrey, built in association with London and Northern Developments, was sold yesterday for £2.46m. All 12 office blocks at Crawley, Sussex, were now either sold or under offer, as were the seven office blocks at Southampton.

COMPANY BRIEFS

CONT. STATIONERY (Int)
Pre-tax: £0.802 (£0.2)m
EPS: 3.75p (1.67p)
Div: 0.90p (0.75p)
Sales through the UK Prontaprint outlets have been growing at annual rate of 16 per cent. Turnover £7.68 million (£3.92 million).

LEOPOLD JOSEPH (Int)
Pre-tax: n/a
EPS: n/a
Div: 3.10p (2.81p)
The cost of dividend is £162,975. The company is confident there will be a successful outcome to the current year.

BOGOD-PELEPAH (Int)
Pre-tax: £98,000(£94,000)
EPS: 0.60p (0.56p)
Div: 0.1p
Board reports that level of activity is similar to that of last year and it expects similar results. Turnover £3.05 million (£2.92 million).

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Safeways supermarkets contribute more than half of £1.9bn turnover

Argyll soars to interim £100m

By Carol Ferguson

Argyll Group, which owns the Safeway supermarket chain, bucked the retailing trend yesterday with a 50 per cent leap in turnover and a 24 per cent rise in pre-tax profits before exceptionals at the half-year stage. The shares rose strongly on the news, closing up 5½p at 166½p.

Mr Alistair Grant, Argyll's chairman and chief executive, said that Safeway was growing strongly as a proportion of group sales. In the first half of this year, Safeway had sales of £1 billion, just over half the total group turnover of £1.9 billion. "The scale of the Safeway 1990s programme is immense." Mr Grant said. "From a base of 133 stores – 2 million square feet of sales area – at the time of its acquisition by Argyll in February 1987, Safeway is planned, through Presto conversions and new store openings, to triple its size by March 1991.

"It is projected that by that time Safeway will be operating some 400 stores with a total sales area in excess of 6.5 million sq ft."

He said that a better-than-expected profit improvement had been received from the conversion of Argyll's Presto chain to Safeways, and added that turnover by converted stores had improved by 55 per cent.

Safeway opened five new stores in the first half, and a further 17 will be opened in the second half. After converting 50 Presto stores to Safeway, there will be 244 Safeway stores by March 1989.

Pre-tax profits before exceptional items relating to the accelerated conversion programme amounted to £100 million, helped by a jump in interest income from £4.3 million to £10.8 million, a result of the recent rights issue.

The exceptional charge in the half year was £5.4 million, compared with £16.8 million last year. After exceptionals, the rise in pre-tax profits was 11 per cent.

Earnings per share rose by 23 per cent before exceptionals, 11 per cent after. A 17 per cent jump in the dividend was declared, to 2.1p net.



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'The scale of the Safeways programme is immense': Alistair Grant, chairman of Argyll, welcomes strong first-half results

MS leaps to interim £1.85m

MS International, the defence and mechanical engineering group, had a 42 per cent rise in pre-tax profits from £1.30 million to £1.85 million, for the six months to October 29.

The increase came despite a fall in turnover from £21.54 million to £15.65 million, after the sale of the mining equipment business to Dobson Park for £12.5 million.

Earnings per share are 4.3p (3.4p) and the interim dividend is 0.9p (0.75p).

LIG change

Mr Alan Woltz, chairman and chief executive of London International Group, has named his apparent successor. Mr Anthony Butterworth, aged 51, formerly president of Chesebrough-Pond's International, is to be managing director and chief operating officer.

Profits rise

Yellowhammer, the advertising and marketing group, made £911,000 pre-tax profits in the opening six months of the year, up from £905,000 before. Earnings per share are unchanged at 5.5p. The interim dividend is (1p) 0.75p.

Front runner

Grand Metropolitan has emerged as the front runner to take over Wienerwald, a West German chain of fast food restaurants.

Logitek up

Logitek, the computers' distributor, raised pre-tax profits by 41 per cent to £1.25 million in the half year to end-September. The interim dividend is 1.2p (0.9p).

French stake

Nomura International is acquiring a 10 per cent stake in Francois-Dufour Kervern, a Paris stockbroker.

Mecca beats forecast

By Cliff Feltham

Mr Michael Guthrie's Mecca team have beaten the profit forecast made during the bitter but successful takeover battle for the Pleasurama entertainments group.

For the 12 months to the end of September Mecca made profits before tax of £25.4 million, a rise of 71 per cent. That compares with a forecast of £25.2 million.

Earnings per share work out at 17.8p, an increase of 42 per cent. The Mecca group, now in the throes of being integrated with Pleasurama, saw all divisions performing strongly.

The British holiday camps, which include the holiday centres bought from Ladbroke, boosted trading profits from £2.6 million to just over £11 million.

Social clubs benefited from increased admissions and raised profits by 13 per cent to £9.7 million, while the entertainments and catering side pushed up earnings to £4.9 million from £4.2 million. Property disposals threw up a profit of £2.9 million (£859,000).

Shareholders will receive a final dividend of 2.75p, making a total for the year of 4.5p, an increase of 23 per cent.

The next accounts will be for the 15 month period to the end of December.

Coalite advances to £19.3m

By Our City Staff

Coalite, the Falkland Islands farming to smokeless fuel group chaired by Mr Eric Varley, the former Labour Energy Secretary, earned pre-tax profits of £19.3 million in the first six months of this year. This compares with £17.5 million last year.

Earnings per share rose from 11.45p to 13.05p and the interim dividend goes up from 2.5p to 2.75p.

Sales of Coalite, the solid smokeless fuel, were slightly down at the half-way stage because merchants were still sitting on unsold stocks left over after last winter's mild weather.


Eric Varley: a better balance

Mr Varley said that the group had now integrated the fuel oil distribution operations of Charringtons and Hargreaves, the Yorkshire group acquired at the end of 1986 for £99 million.

Coalite suffered only a marginal impact on its profits from the Piper Alpha disaster which caused the Claymore field, in which it has a small stake, to cease production for a time.

The outcome for the full year will depend on the severity of the winter, but Mr Varley says the group now has a better balance between its energy and non-energy activities. The shares slipped 2p to 326p.

Subroto urges support on oil curbs

By Colin Narbrough

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries yesterday called for support from non-Opec oil producers to ensure that last week's Opec accord on lower output succeeds in ending the present world glut.

Though the call from Opec's secretary-general, Dr Subroto of Indonesia, is certain to fall on deaf ears in Britain, government sources in Oslo said Norway, Western Europe's second biggest producer after Britain, was likely to back Opec next year.

Dr Subroto, speaking at the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London, said Opec was confident of achieving its $18-a-barrel target price.

But that objective would not be achieved overnight, he said.

Brent crude was yesterday trading at about $14 a barrel.

"We are under no illusion that Opec can effectively cope with the current situation without the full support of the major producers and consumers," Dr Subroto said.

The Opec secretary-general argued that non-Opec producers were also to blame for the present surplus of oil on the market and the low price level, adding that non-Opec producers had been pumping oil as much as they could.

US deal lifts VPI to £14m

By Martin Waller

A full year's contribution from the Carter Organization in the US boosted pre-tax profits at VPI Group, the advertising consultancy better known by its former name of Valin Pollen, from £4.14 million to £14.09 million in the year to end-September.

Operating income bounded by 112 per cent to £33.02 million. The sharper pre-tax growth represented higher margins at Carter – more than double the 25 per cent targeted for the original British businesses, said Mr Reg Valin, the chairman.

Carter's exact contribution was impossible to split out, but it had met the $19 million (£10.1 million) profit target set when the company was bought last year. The US now probably accounted for about 75 per cent of the group's earnings.

A final dividend of 2.5p raises the total to 3.5p, up from a restated 1.125p. Mr Don Carter, the former owner of the US company, has been made chairman of VPI's US holding company.

COMMENT

Sprightly GEC hits a new Plessey problem

The battle for Plessey is hotting up. First Lord Weinstock's General Electric Company produces what for GEC, with its lacklustre trading record, are glistening interim results – turnover up 15 per cent, pre-tax up 10 per cent and dividend up more than expected at a come-hither 19 per cent.

Then it transpires that Plessey's legal advisers have written to the Office of Fair Trading, launching what seems to be a well-timed torpedo towards the Anglo-German task force of GEC-Siemens. In essence, Plessey is saying that GEC, by bidding, is damaging Plessey's competitiveness, to the advantage of GEC. This is because a whole array of efforts by Plessey, including a number of acquisitions and cross-holding deals, have had to go on the back burner, two-thirds of them to the direct advantage of GEC as a competitor to Plessey and the rest indirectly advantageous to GEC because of the weakening effect on Plessey.

Plessey must certainly be finding it difficult to recruit a new finance director as successor to Stephen Walls, now managing director and in charge of the Plessey "defence committee".

Plessey is saying to the OFT that the anti-competitive effects of the bid were clearly foreseeable, and should be looked at in the light of undertakings given by GEC to the Government at the time of the 1986 investigation by the Monopolies Commission which sank GEC's previous attempted takeover of Plessey. GEC undertook not to take more than a 15 per cent stake in Plessey.

So this could be the first test of the GEC-Siemens bid, with an offer document due to come out by December 13 at the latest. Unless GEC can persuade Sir Gordon Borrie, the director general of Fair Trading, and Lord Young of Graffham, the Trade and Industry Secretary, that the undertakings should be lifted, the bid will be stillborn.

Clearly GEC will argue that the new bid is not just a repeat of the last, because it is a joint one with Siemens. Plessey is predictably scornful of that, talking of parrot cries of 1992. But the prospect of the single market *has* brought altered perceptions of steps needed to sharpen industry's competitive edge. Even so, what GEC and Siemens must do is to spell out much more clearly what can be expected of this Anglo-German relationship.

Meanwhile, GEC is proving how a takeover bid can not only enliven the attacked but also the attacker. GEC's long record as an under-performer against the market has been showing signs of change, but the interims are still decidedly better than expected. They should confirm City expectations that the full year at GEC should bring about £755 million pre-tax as GEC steadily accelerates to outperform the market on earnings per share.

Something of a pickle

Quite how the stand-off between Lonrho's Tiny Rowland and Australian corporate beachball Alan Bond originally arose is likely to remain a mystery. Whatever mutual misunderstanding did set Mr Bond off on his uphill trail to stalk the international trading group, it threatens to put both sides in something of a pickle.

Lonrho has concentrated on highlighting the all-too-evident holes in the Bond group finances. The strategy is simple enough. To mount a bid, Mr Bond would need to raise the considerable wind from banks, since anything but cash would be laughed at. Even his existing 21 per cent is mostly in hock. If Lonrho can raise questions among the banks faster than Mr Bond can answer them, the dreaded Bond bid will never materialize. According to Lonrho, its unflattering study of the Bond group has been in much demand from banks, who have accounted for most of the thousand or more copies distributed.

At the same time, Mr Rowland, perhaps coincidentally, has given some credibility to the fancy prices he put on the break-up value of Lonrho through his timely sale of his whisky and French wine businesses to Brent Walker. If Mr Bond somehow still managed to raise finance for a bid, it would surely be on terms that required him to carve up Lonrho's assets extremely rapidly.

In that case, they might well not fetch the prices that Mr Rowland and his team could negotiate for selected assets at their leisure. So the bid might not look that attractive to loyal shareholders.

Lonrho's awkward questions will surely be tricky for Mr Bond either way. If he has to slink away, however, Lonrho will face new problems. At 371p, its shares are standing at about 16 times historic earnings – way above the low rating they have endured through the years of periodic controversy and out of line with other leading conglomerates or overseas traders. They are valued as much on assets (effectively break-up value) as on near-term profit potential.

The team now preparing to present Lonrho in a new light to institutions will not have an easy job. If Mr Bond's stake were not merely to pass to a more credible bidder, Lonrho and its new advisers will have to offer an attractive package of earnings growth and asset sales to create alternative value. The institutions will not be convinced unless they believe that management, including the still-redoubtable Mr Rowland, is fully committed to the job, not devoting energy to its feud with the Fayeds.

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Year ended 31st May	1988	1987
Turnover	£190.3m	£207.9m
Profit before tax	£24.2m	£33.3m
Profit after tax	£14.9m	£21.1m
Earnings per share	29.39p	42.74p
Total dividends per share	7.80p	7.10p

Pre-tax profits were broadly in line with expectations previously indicated.
The group's financial investments came through last year's stockmarket crash relatively well and the balance sheet has further strengthened.
Total dividends were increased by approximately 10%.

West Africa
Depressed trading and economic conditions throughout West Africa were the major influence on both turnover and profits. Nevertheless, in Nigeria, the group maintained its share of the total market. In the French speaking countries trading conditions were extremely depressed and losses were incurred. Activities have been rationalised and a material improvement is anticipated for the current year.

Cussons
The Cussons group continued to make satisfactory progress in the United Kingdom and Australia, where a new detergent factory was brought into operation towards the end of the year.
Far East operations are being expanded and now include Indonesia as well as Singapore, Thailand and Hong Kong.

Current Year
Cussons continues to make progress in all its principal operations but a recent fall of 14 per cent in the value of the Nigerian currency will be taken into account in the half year results to 30th November 1988. These are likely to be somewhat lower than those of the previous half-year.

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Nought for their comfort

Although the details of the redundancy packages to be offered to Morgan Grenfell's departing employees have yet to be unveiled, those who joined within the past 18 months – the majority of those market-makers being axed – are, I hear, likely to receive almost nothing. If the £10 million the firm estimates the redundancies will cost were shared out evenly it would amount to £22,000 per man, but the bulk of that sum will be handed out to the longer-serving ex-Pinchin Denny staff instead. And any hopes that the latecomers will at least get their bonuses for the current year – which can amount to more than 100 per cent of salary – are also likely to be dashed. Traditionally, Morgan Grenfell declared its bonus payments in October of each year, paying them with December pay packets. But this year it altered the procedure, saying the bonuses would be declared after the December year-end and paid in March. "That's obviously why they announced the redundancies when they did, so that they don't have to pay any bonuses," concluded one wise old City hand. But the employees have, nevertheless, had the last laugh. They drowned their sorrows in champagne yesterday, happy in the knowledge that their erstwhile employer would be footing the bill. For in its haste, Morgan Grenfell had forgotten to reclaim its corporate credit cards.

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Black Bob's black mark

Even though it is nigh-impossible to be in three places at once, Sir Robert Scholey, the British Steel chairman, has not been excused a fine for non-attendance at a meeting of fellow steel-makers in Sheffield. While "Black Bob" was in the City early on Monday for the stock market debut of British Steel shares, and then at the Savoy Hotel for lunch to be declared Businessman of the Year, he was, I am told, also due at a special meeting of the 350-year-old Cutlers Company, to install Alan Jowitt, the new Master Cutler. As one of the Company's "assistants", Scholey, aged 67, was fined 15p for failing to answer his name during two roll calls.

Till toll

Overworked City slickers, fed up with arriving home to find the cupboard bare and yet too busy to do their own grocery shopping, may find the answer to their dilemma in a new firm being set up in Hampstead. The Trolleymaster, which has been formed by an ex-Saatchi & Saatchi employee and a former plumber, will scour the supermarket shelves on your behalf. But such a service comes at a price – the Trolleymaster charges commissions of £7 on orders of less than £30, £8 on orders up to £40 and 20 per cent of orders worth more than £50.



"Q: What do Santa Claus and a Morgan Grenfell employee have in common?" "A: They're both given the sack before Christmas"

Dear Ron

When Ronald Reagan leaves the White House on January 20, he will not have to look far for a lucrative part-time job. Big corporations are already said to be queuing up to get him to speak at their meetings. And although the President's staff has been careful not to accept any job offers for him while he is still in office, when that restraint is removed, he will definitely not come cheap. It has been estimated that he will be able to charge at least £75,000 for each such appearance.

Downes and out

Another of the City's old guard is quitting the Square Mile. Complaining that 80 per cent of his friends have already deserted the profession, and that the 13 screens which glare at him daily are not nearly as much fun as the old trading floor, Paul Downes, aged 49, tells me that he will be leaving BZW in March next year. His 31 years with the firm are, he says, "long enough". A partner with Wedd Durlacher since 1971 and these days a director of BZW Gilts, he plans to sell his home in Barnes, London, and move permanently to the timbered country house he bought in Wiltshire last year. "The City has changed enormously and it's no longer my scene," he says. "I made up my mind when I was on holiday in Spain with my wife six weeks ago, then I discussed it with the firm and they agreed I could go before the end of the fiscal year." He admits that he may grow bored after six months and look for something new. "But it won't be in the City." Initially he will be preoccupied with the refurbishment of his new abode. "I was attracted to the ambiance of the place at once – the timbers came from an old pub," he jests.

● What is the difference between a stockbroker and a fund manager? The stockbroker is more of a gentleman. He does not say "Get lost" – or more vulgar words to that effect – until the telephone receiver has been replaced.

Carol Leonard

Extra staff for inquiry into DTI and Clowes

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Sir Anthony Barrowclough, QC, the Ombudsman, has taken on extra staff to speed up his investigations into the Department of Trade and Industry's role in the Barlow Clowes affair.

They will help the special unit set up to discover whether the DTI was guilty of maladministration in its dealings with the investment firm which collapsed owing £190 million. The Ombudsman has already warned MPs that it will take months before he can conclude whether the 18,000 investors should be compensated by the Government.

Mr Alf Morris, Labour MP for Manchester Wythenshawe, has said he is worried that Ministers are still refusing to promise to honour the recommendations of the Ombudsman if they are found to be at fault.

The Ombudsman agreed to launch his investigation after Sir Godfray Le Quesne's inquiry into the DTI's handling of the affair.

LHW founders break links but licence still uncertain

By Colin Narbrough

Full authorization may still elude LHW Futures, in spite of news that Mr John Hughes and Mr Jeremy Walsh, the youthful co-founders of the commodity and financial futures broker, have severed all links with the firm.

The Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers, the self-regulatory organization for the sector, yesterday declined to comment on the case, but it is understood not to share LHW's view that the twin departure of the founders last month has removed the last obstacle to authorization.

Having refused authorization to 33 firms, including LHW, the AFBD is determined to look beyond the question of who owns applicant firms and wishes to scrutinize closely all directors.

In spite of the radical overhaul of LHW, now under the control of Burgon Hall, and the departure of its two most prominent figures, the AFBD is believed to be concerned that some executives from the old LHW remain.

Mr Hughes and Mr Walsh, both still in their 30s, resigned their directorships of LHW in 1986 after the AFBD rejected the firm's application for authorization. Between them, the two men earned dividends of £19 million from LHW over a two-year period.



Severed connections with Burgon: Walsh (left), and Hughes

In spite of resigning from the board and all executive functions, they retained control of 85 per cent of LHW's previous holding company, Armstrong Capital Holdings.

Even after October's management shake-up and capital restructuring undertaken by Mr Clive Thornton, the former Abbey National managing director appointed to establish a good reputation for LHW and gain authorization, Mr Hughes and Mr Walsh were still left with about 25 per cent of Burgon Hall.

By mid-November, however, the two had been persuaded to dispose of all their shares in the company.

A company spokesman said they had "completely and finally disposed of any interests in Burgon Hall." He could give no details of the disposals, but said the vendors would "personally not enjoy very great benefit" from the sales.

No conditions were attached to the divestment, nor was there any suggestion of ill-feeling or possible legal action, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said Mr Thornton had now achieved what he set out to do at LHW, except for one thing. Authorization was, however, a matter for the AFBD, which had been kept fully informed about developments, he said.

But authorization can by no means be taken for granted. The AFBD's council, which adjourned a decision on LHW's last application on November 3, is keen to see an end to the high-pressure telephone sales techniques and huge commissions for which LHW was criticized.

The AFBD is expected to review the LHW application again shortly, but it is unsure whether a decision can be made before Christmas. The company currently operates under interim authorization.

LBMS interim profits slump

By Wolfgang Münchau

Shares in Learmonth & Burchett Management Systems, the specialist computer consultancy, training and software company, dropped 30p to 152p following the announcement of a slump in pre-tax profits from £684,000 to £373,000 for the six months to October 31.

LBMS, which is quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market and is best known for its software, used mainly by programmers and systems analysts, blamed a rise in development costs and problems with Cullinet, its main US distributor, for the setback, which had arisen despite an increase in turnover from £4.77 million to £5.49 million.

In the US, royalty payments received from Cullinet fell from £350,000 to £35,000, following a premature announcement by Cullinet of a new software product, as a result of which sales of the existing range of products slowed down considerably.

This, however, occurred long before the replacement product was introduced in October. The company claims, however, that sales of the replacement product have been satisfactory.

Development costs have risen from £550,000 to £852,000, and are likely to accelerate in the second half to an estimated £2 million. Mr Rainer Burchett, the chairman of LBMS, said the increase in development expenditure was "a positive decision", aimed at guaranteeing an early release of a new version of Automate, the company's main product.

But the company said that the return on this investment is unlikely to come through before the year ended October 1990. Mr Burchett added that it was difficult at this stage to produce a year-end profit forecast.

Despite the current problems, the company claims to have a positive cash balance.

Profits before development costs and interest declined from £1.22 million to £1.19 million, and earnings per share fell from 3.7p to 2.0p. The interim dividend is 0.6p (0.5p) per share.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Allied Lyons ('484)	420	68	84	-	4	9	-
	460	31	38	50	15	24	31
	500	5	19	32	42	48	52
Brit Air ('156)	140	19	24	28	2	5	8
	160	6	12	15	9	12	15
Brit Com ('219)	180	1	5	9	25	28	31
	200	11	16	22	4	7	14
	240	4	8	13	24	26	26
BP ('345)	280	13	18	24	4	12	14
	320	29	33	36	1	4	5
	240	13	18	24	4	12	14
Bass ('775)	280	3	6	12	15	23	-
	750	32	57	82	15	15	15
	800	10	30	57	42	42	42
C & W ('364)	850	3	14	32	106	106	106
	360	16	32	45	1	4	6
	390	6	17	27	12	18	20
Cons Gold ('1202)	420	2	9	16	33	33	33
	1150	110	155	195	2	20	55
	1200	80	125	165	5	32	70
Courtauld ('245)	1250	52	105	-	25	115	-
	200	2	8	13	57	58	58
	300	1	4	8	57	58	58
Com Union ('324)	330	1	2	4	67	68	68
	300	34	46	56	3	6	10
	330	11	23	27	14	22	25
GKN ('307)	360	3	9	15	38	44	46
	300	18	26	33	6	14	16
	330	4	11	18	35	36	36
Grand Met ('448)	360	1	4	8	57	57	58
	420	38	43	50	4	11	14
	450	15	23	-	17	33	-
ICI ('967)	460	2	10	-	54	55	-
	850	48	65	80	1	4	6
	1000	21	38	54	33	58	68
Jaguar ('269)	1050	7	21	33	98	108	118
	1100	3	10	20	138	140	143
	240	38	45	53	3	9	13
Land Sec ('578)	280	21	29	40	8	15	23
	550	43	63	77	6	15	23
M & S ('144)	600	12	35	45	27	39	45
	650	3	12	25	75	75	75
	140	9	14	18	4	5	-
STC ('265)	160	2	6	9	17	17	20
	180	1	2	5	37	38	40
Sainsbury ('195)	260	15	24	31	11	14	16
	280	7	12	21	21	24	26
	300	3	6	13	39	40	42
Shell ('985)	180	20	28	31	2	5	8
	200	7	14	19	10	13	16
	220	1	6	11	25	26	-
Storehse ('197)	950	60	80	100	13	28	28
	1000	36	50	85	38	55	55
	1050	10	35	44	85	85	87
Trafalgar ('302)	150	41	45	52	3	7	10
	180	26	32	-	7	11	16
	200	13	20	17	22	26	-
Utd Biscs ('285)	280	28	34	-	5	8	-
	300	10	18	26	11	15	20
	330	3	8	14	40	40	44
Unremar ('257)	280	17	26	36	10	13	19
	300	8	16	28	24	28	28
	330	3	10	16	47	47	48
Woolworth ('241)	216	40	48	-	4	11	-
	235	25	35	-	10	15	-
	255	13	25	-	19	25	-
	240	12	22	28	7	13	15
	260	5	12	17	23	25	28
	280	1	7	11	42	43	45

	Series	Jan	Apr	Aug	Jan	Apr	Aug
GEC ('178)	140	42	45	-	1	1	-
	160	23	25	33	2	4	6
	180	7	13	19	7	10	14

	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
R-Royce ('129)	120	13	19	21	3	4	6
	130	6	12	14	5	8	12
	140	1	6	10	13	13	19
TSB ('106)	100	9	11	-	1	3	-
	110	3	5	7	6	7	8
	120	1	3	5	15	16	16

	Series	Feb	Apr	Jul	Feb	Apr	Jul
Ladbroke ('422)	390	48	-	-	3	-	-
	420	25	33	42	11	13	20
	460	8	14	22	39	42	45

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Brit Aero ('444)	420	42	49	59	10	20	24
	480	19	26	39	28	38	45
	500	7	15	24	60	70	75
BAA ('266)	260	17	27	35	6	10	13
	280	7	15	23	17	21	23
	300	2	8	-	36	37	-
BAT Ind ('422)	420	25	33	43	12	20	24
	460	8	14	24	40	45	48
	500	2	8	-	79	82	-
Brit Tele ('256)	220	39	45	-	1	3	-
	240	21	29	34	4	7	10
	280	8	15	19	13	15	18
Cadbury ('342)	330	33	42	54	12	18	22
	360	17	29	38	27	34	38
	390	9	18	26	50	54	57
Guinness ('324)	300	33	42	48	3	7	9
	330	13	20	28	13	18	20
	360	3	8	15	40	40	42
LASMO ('449)	460	30	50	62	33	46	50
	500	17	33	42	60	68	75
	550	8	18	-	105	107	-
P & O ('536)	500	52	65	-	4	11	-
	550	22	30	40	23	33	35
	600	7	14	20	68	70	70

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Pilkington ('207)	200	15	24	28	1	2	3
	220	7	14	20	15	16	18
	240	2	7	12	33	35	36
Prudential ('148)	140	8	15	19	1	3	5
	160	2	7	12	13	15	17
	180	1	3	6	33	34	35
Racal ('259)	220	1	4	8	59	59	59
	240	1	2	4	79	79	79
	260	1	1	2	99	99	99
RTZ ('424)	400	28	40	50	1	4	8
	420	15	28	38	4	12	15
	440	7	17	27	15	24	28
Vaal Reefs ('575)	80	1	5	9	13	13	14
	85	1	2	5	18	18	18
	90	1	1	3	23	23	23

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad ('150)	180	1	8	12	10	12	12
	200	1	3	6	30	31	31
Barclays ('409)	420	1	5	11	11	14	16
	440	1	2	6	31	34	36
Blue Circ ('432)	420	1	5	11	11	14	16
	440	1	2	6	31	34	36
Dixons ('140)	160	1	5	9	2	4	6
	180	1	2	4	21	22	24
Glaxo ('1051)	1050	2	9	16	2	10	16
	1100	1	3	6	52	58	62
	1150	1	1	3	100	102	104
Hawker ('528)	500	1	5	11	2	6	8
	550	1	2	5	52	54	56
Hillsdown ('250)	220	1	5	11	1	3	5
	240	1	2	5	21	23	25
Lonhro ('363)	340	1	5	11	1	3	5
	360	1	2	5	21	23	25
Midland ('415)	390	1	5	11	1	3	5
	420	1	2	5	31	33	35
Sears ('113)	100	1	5	9	1	3	5
	120	1	2	5	11	13	15
THF ('282)	260	1	5	9	1	3	5
	280	1	2	5	11	13	15
Thorn EMI ('628)	600	40	50	60	5	12	16
	650	7	20	30	30	35	38
Wellcome ('409)	380	1	5	10	1	3	5
	400	1	2	5	13	15	17
	550	1	1	2	142	145	146

	Series	Dec	Apr	Jul	Dec	Apr	Jul
Boots ('219)	200	12	25	34	1	9	12
	220	3	15	23	2	15	18
	240	1	7	14	22	32	34

	Series	Jan	Mar	Jun	Jan	Mar	Jun
Brit Gas ('158)	140	18	20	25	½	2	3
	160	2	6	11	7	8	9
	180	½	1½	4	26	26	27

	Series	Jan	Jan
RHM ('344)	330	27	- - 7 -
	360	10	- - 19 - -
	390	5	- - 47 - -

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jul	Dec	Mar	Jul
Beecham ('453)	420	37	52	71	1	2	12
	460	8	29	43	12	20	27
	500	1	13	25	48	49	50
Unilever ('442)	420	25	45	56	3	8	14
	460	4	19	32	20	28	32
	500	1	8	17	60	62	62

	Series	Dec	Mar	May	Dec	Mar	May
BTR ('284)	260	27	38	-	1	3	-
	280	9	20	25	3	8	12
	300	1	12	14	17	19	22
Hanson ('152)	130	2	4	-	-	1	-
	140	1	2	3	-	-	1
	160	1	1	2	12	13	13
Tesco ('134)	130	7	13	16	2	7	9
	140	1	6	11	9	12	13
	160	1	2	4	27	27	29

	Series	Jan	Mar	Jan	Mar
Enterprise ('483)	550	17	30	-	75	85	-
	600	6	17	-	120	128	-
	650	4	10	-	170	178	-
Scot & New ('397)	390	20	34	-	8	16	-
	420	8	21	-	29	38	-
	460	1	10	-	66	69	-

	Series	Feb	Feb
Tr 12% ('106)	110	-	- - - -
1995 ('106)	112	-	- - - -
	114	-	- - - -

FT-SE INDEX ('1767)

Series	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
1700	93	110	120	132	5	14	21	24
1750	49	65	75	95	13	24	30	39
1800	16	33	50	65	35	46	53	57
1850	4	15	27	40	84	85	87	92
1900	1	6	13	22	134	135	135	140
1950	½	2	5	-	184	185	185	-

December 6, 1988 Total: Calls 32259 Puts 25819 FT-SE: Calls 4347 Puts 9104
*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
December 5	December 16	March 9	March 20

Call options were taken out on: BTR Wts, PML, C Baynes, Norfolk Capital, LEP, Eagle Trust, First Leisure, Marley, NEI, Control Securities, Addison Consultancy, British Steel, Burndene, Repalan, Rosehaugh, Oliver Resources.
Put: C Baynes. Put & Call: British Steel.

Share plan boosts Eldridge, Pope

By Our City Staff

Shares in Eldridge, Pope, the Dorset brewer, leaped 40p to 620p due to a share split and scrip issue plan and the revelation of an extraordinary profit of £1.26 million reflecting a £38.95 million surplus on property revaluation in the company's annual results.

Pre-tax profits, however, rose only marginally, from £3.4 million to £3.5 million in the year to end-September, on turnover up from £31.38 million to £35.22 million.

Mr Christopher Pope, chairman and chief executive, said the extraordinary credit was accounted for below the line because of its unpredictable nature and the distorting effect it would have if stated above the line as part of pre-tax profits.

Most of the increase in pre-tax profits was due to a strongly improved performance in the 105 public houses, which saw operating profit grow at about 40 per cent. However, Mr Pope warned of some earnings dilution as a result of the rising level of interest rates.



Pope: plans please market

The company plans to split the £1 shares into 50p units plus a scrip issue of one 50p share for four new 50p shares.

Earnings per share are 29.7p (27.0p). The final dividend is 5p a share, making 9p, up by 1.25p from last year.

NatWest in French expansion

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

National Westminster Bank has bought control of a French stockbroking firm, Sellier, as part of expansion of its European equities, investment and commercial banking operations.

The stockbroking operation will be run alongside NatWest Bank SA, the group's Paris-based bank, and will form part of NatWest Investment Bank (NWIB).

The value of the purchase was not disclosed although NatWest said that it was insignificant in terms of the group's balance sheet.

Sellier has seats on the Paris and Lyons stock exchanges and has 150 employees. Its main business is institutional broking in French equities, although it has an increasing business in fixed-income instruments and derivative financial products.

Cronite climbs 78% to £1.87m

By Our City Staff

Cronite Group, the processor of nickel alloys and steel stockholder, reports a 78 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £1.87 million for the year to September 30. Turnover more than doubled — from £17.79 million to £39.26 million — because of the escalating nickel price and a number of recent acquisitions. Fully-diluted earnings per share rose from 6.7p to 9.7p. The final dividend is 2.5p, making 3.5p — the first dividend since 1982.

The results were marginally above market expectations as the shares rose 3p to 72p on the news. However, two companies gave cause for some concern.

Dr Jim Butler, the chairman, said that Atlantic Cronite, a stockist of semi-fabricated aluminium and stainless steel products, which was acquired in February for £444,040, was "something of a disappointment." Dr Butler took over as chairman in May following the retirement of Mr Tom Honess.

The problems at Cronite Advanced Castings (formerly Dowty Precision Castings), a designer and developer of high-integrity castings, which was acquired in July last year, were more serious. The subsidiary suffered from the loss of substantial defence contracts, which was exacerbated by problems in production and technical control. Management changes were made but the situation remains under close review.

Gearing, once above 1,000 per cent, has been held below 50 per cent, although the group has expressed some concern about the current level of interest rates and exchange rates. During the year, the amount of interest payable increased from £315,000 to £503,000.

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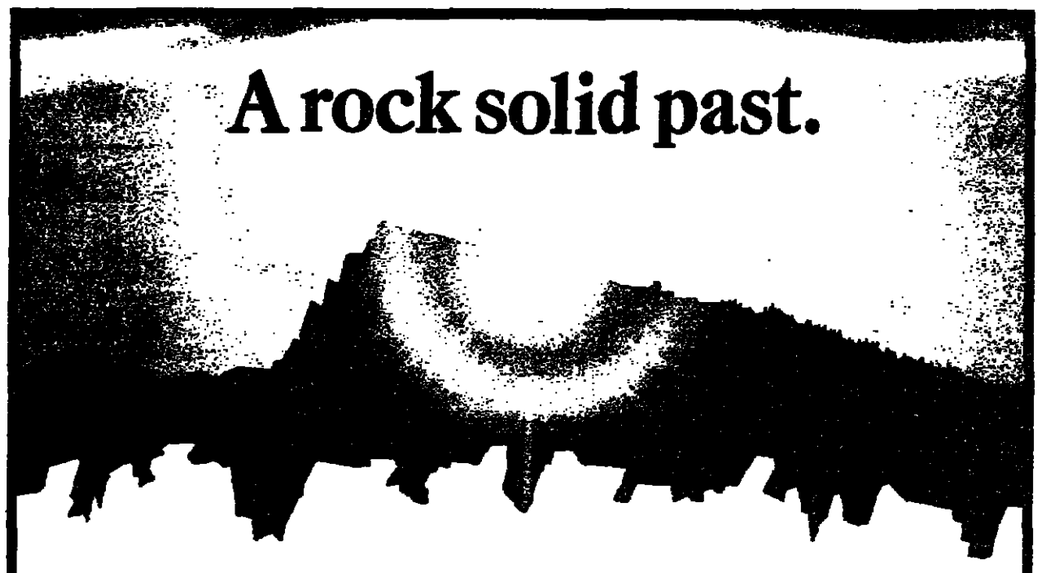
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[EXTRACTED FROM STATEMENT BY PETER W.G. TOM, CHAIRMAN & CHIEF EXECUTIVE]

Interim results in brief	6 months to 30 Sept. Unaudited 1988 (£'000)	Unaudited 1987 (£'000)	Year to 31 March Audited 1988 (£'000)
Turnover	87,128	43,254	95,987
Pre-tax profit	8,406	3,418	7,294
Earnings per share	6.97p	3.37p	7.08p
Dividend per share	0.82p	0.63p	2.50p

If you would like a copy of the interim report please contact Ken Cure, Company Secretary, Bardon Hill, Leicester LE6 2TL. Tel. 0530-510088.

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NEW YORK

Dow continues to gain in strength

(Reuter) — Shares rose in moderate, early trading yesterday, adding to the gains of Monday. Traders said that profit-taking may appear at some point, although many expect some kind of year-end rally.

Mr Jim Scatuorchio, a trader at Donaldson Lufkin Jenrette, said that after recent gains, institutions may wait for a slight decline before investing *more funds*. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 6 points to 2,129.76.

Long Island Lighting led the list of active shares, falling ⅞ to 12⅜. On Monday, a US court ruled that the company had supplied false information in seeking rate increases.

The Dow average closed 31.48 higher at 2,123.76 on Monday.

● **Frankfurt** — The 30-share DAX index closed at 1,287.94 — 5.71 points or 0.4 per cent up. Last-minute profit-taking whittled away some gains.

● **Singapore** — The *Straits Times'* industrial index rose 2.98 to close at 996.14. Prices closed higher over a broad front in moderate trading, brokers said.

WALL STREET

	Dec 5	Dec 2		Dec 5	Dec 2		Dec 5	Dec 2
AMR Cp	54	51⅞	Fedders	11⅜	11	Pennzoil	72⅜	72
ASA	39⅜	39⅜	Fst Chicago	30⅞	30⅞	Pepsico	38⅞	38½
Aetna Life	48	47⅞	Fst Int Bncp	46⅜	45⅞	Pfizer	58	56
Allied Signal	34	33⅞	Fst Penn C	12⅜	12⅜	Phelps Dod	48⅞	48⅞
Allis Chlm	n.a	⅝	FT Wachva	38⅞	38⅞	Philip Mor	97⅞	96⅞
Alcoa	52⅝	51½	Ford Motor	52⅞	51⅜	Philip Ptrl	20⅞	20⅞
Amax Inc	22⅜	22¼	GAF Cp	48⅞	46⅞	Pillsbury	58⅜	59½
AMR Hess	29⅜	29⅝	GTE Cp	45	44½	Polaroid	36⅜	35⅞
Am Brands	57⅝	56⅝	Gen Cp	17⅝	18⅜	Primerica	27⅞	28
Am Cynmd	47⅝	46⅞	Gn Dynam	50⅜	49⅞	Proct Gble	83	81⅜
Am Ele Pwr	27⅜	26⅞	Gen Electric	45	43⅞	Pub SE Gr	24¼	24⅜
Amexs	27⅜	26⅝	Gen Inst	23⅜	23⅞	R Nabisco	91	91
Am Family	13¼	13⅜	Gen Mills	51½	51⅜	Raytheon	70⅞	70½
Am Home	82¼	81⅞	Gen Motors	85⅜	83⅞	Rynlds Metl	49⅞	48⅜
Am Int Grp	65½	64½	Gen Pub Ut	37⅞	37	Rockwell Int	20⅞	20¼
Am Telph	29⅝	28⅞	Genesco	4⅞	5	Royal Dutch	114¼	113
Amoco Cp	74	73⅞	Georgia Pac	35⅞	34⅞	SFE Sopac	17⅞	n.a
Anheuser B	31⅝	31¼	Gillette	33⅞	33¼	Sara Lee	45⅞	n.a
Arch Dan	20⅞	20¾	Goodrich	50⅞	49⅞	Schlumb	33⅜	32⅜
Armco Steel	9⅞	9⅞	Goodyear	48⅜	47⅞	Scott Paper	36⅞	36⅞
Asarco Inc	26⅞	26½	Grace Co	26	25⅞	Seagram	59⅞	58⅞
Ashland Oil	32⅝	32⅝	Grt Atl Pac	46	46⅞	Sears Roeb	39⅞	39¼
Atl Richfld	79⅝	78⅞	Greyhnd	28⅜	28⅞	Sec Pac	37⅞	36⅜
Avon Prod	19⅝	19¾	Gruman	21⅜	21	Shell Trans	73⅞	72⅞
Bk Boston	23⅝	23¾	Gulf Westn	39⅜	39¼	Smith Beck	46⅞	45⅜
Bank NY	34⅞	35	Heinz	45⅞	44½	Sony Cp	54⅜	53⅞
Bankamer	18⅝	17¾	Hercules	43⅜	42⅞	SW Bell	40⅜	40⅜
Bkrs Tst NY	37⅞	38	Hewlett Pk	51½	50⅜	Squibb	68⅞	67⅞
Baxter	17⅞	17¾	Hilton	52⅞	52⅞	Sun Comp	32⅜	32⅞
Beth Steel	20⅞	19⅜	Honeywell	60⅞	60	TDK	73	73⅜
Boeing	64⅞	62⅞	IC Ind	n.a	n.a	TRW Inc	42	41⅞
Boise Casc	40⅝	39⅞	ITT Cp	51	51	Teledyne	331⅜	329
Borden	55⅞	55	INCO	32⅞	32⅞	Tenneco	49⅞	49⅞
Bristl Meyr	44⅜	44¼	Ing Rand Wi	33⅜	32⅞	Texaco	47⅞	46⅞
BP	54⅝	53⅝	Inland Steel	38⅜	38⅜	Tex Eastn	29⅞	30⅜
Brunswick	17⅞	17	IBM	120⅞	119⅞	Texas Inst	38⅜	37⅞
Burl Nth	75⅞	75¼	Int Paper	44⅞	44	Tex Util	28⅞	28¼
CBS	168⅜	168⅞	Irving Bk	76⅞	76⅞	Textron	23⅜	24
Cms Engy	23⅞	23⅜	Jhsn & Jhsn	85⅞	n.a	Travelers	35⅞	35⅜
CPC Int	50⅞	50⅝	K Mart	35⅞	n.a	UAL Cp	109⅞	107⅞
CSX Cp	31⅛	31	Kerr McGee	37⅞	36⅞	USG Cp	5½	5⅜
Camp Soup	31½	31	Kimbrly Clrk	61¼	60⅞	USX Cp	27⅞	27⅞
Can Pacific	16⅜	15⅞	Knght Ridr	47⅞	46⅞	Unilever Plc	33⅜	33⅜
Caterpillar	63⅝	62	Kraft	105⅞	105⅞	Un Carbide	25⅞	24⅞
Centrl SW	30⅞	30⅝	Kroger	9⅞	18⅜	Un Pac Cp	61⅞	61⅜
Champion	31⅛	30⅞	LTV Cp	2⅜	2⅜	Unisys Cp	28⅞	27⅞
Chase Man	27⅞	27⅞	Litton	71⅞	71⅜	Unit Brand	15⅞	14⅜
Chem Bank	32⅜	33½	Lockheed	40⅜	40	Us West	58⅞	57⅞
Chevron	44⅝	44⅜	Lone Star	30⅜	30⅞	Utd Tech	40⅜	39⅞
Chrysler	26⅞	26	Man H'nver	29⅞	29⅞	Unocal	37⅞	37⅜
Citicorp	25½	26⅜	Manville	7⅞	7⅞	Warn Lamb	76⅞	76⅞
Clark Eq	31⅞	31⅜	Mapco	52⅞	53	Wells Far	66⅜	66⅜
Coca Cola	43⅝	43	Marriott	30⅞	30⅞	Westg El	52⅜	51⅜
Colgate	45½	44¼	Mt Marriets	42	41⅞	Weyershr	24⅞	23⅞
Columb Gas	36⅜	36⅜	Masco Cp	24⅞	24⅞	Whirlpool	24⅜	24⅞
Cmb'tn Eng	26⅝	26⅝	Mcdonalds	46⅜	46⅜	Woolworth	51⅜	50⅜
Cmwlth Edl	31⅜	31¼	McDonnell	77⅞	77⅞	Xerox Cp	55⅜	54⅜
Cons Edis	45⅜	44⅞	Mead Cp	40⅞	39⅞	Zenith	18⅜	19
Consol Ng	39⅞	39¼	Merck	57⅞	56⅞			
Cont Data	17⅜	17⅝	Minsta Mng	61⅜	60⅞	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	66⅝	66⅝	Mobil	44⅞	44¼			
Crane	22¼	22⅝	Monsanto	81⅞	81	Agnico Eag	12⅞	12⅞
Curtiss W	53⅝	53⅞	Monsedison	15⅞	n.a	Alcan Alum	37⅞	36⅞
Data Genl	18⅜	18	Morgan Jp	35½	35¼	Can Pacific	20	20
Deere Co	49⅝	48⅜	Motorola	39⅞	39⅞	Cominco	23⅞	22⅞
Delta Airl	50⅜	49⅞	NCR	53⅞	52⅞	Con Bathrst	14⅞	14⅞
Detroit Edl	16⅜	16⅜	NL Indstrs	5⅞	5⅞	Hawk S Can	20⅞	20⅞
Digital Eq	96¼	95⅜	Nat Md Ent	21⅜	21⅜	Hud Bay M	21⅞	21⅞
Disney	63⅝	63	Nat Semi	9⅞	9⅞	Imasco	28	27⅜
Dow Chem	86⅝	84⅞	Norfolk Sth	30⅞	30	Imperial Oil	47⅞	47⅞
Dresser Ind	27⅜	26⅞	NW Bancrp	31⅜	31⅞	Inco	39⅜	38⅞
Dupont	82⅜	80⅞	Occid Petl	25⅞	25⅞	Royl Trstco	15⅞	15⅞
Duke Pwr	46	45⅝	Ogden Cp	29⅞	28⅞	Seagram	70⅞	69⅞
East Kodak	45½	44⅜	Olin Cp	48⅞	48⅜	Shell Can	39⅞	38⅞
Eaton Cp	52⅝	52¼	PPG Ind	38⅞	37⅞	Stelco	21⅜	21½
Emerson El	30⅞	30⅞	Pac Enterp	37⅞	37⅞	Thmsn N 'A'	27⅜	26⅞
Emery Air	4⅝	4⅝	Pac Gas El	18⅜	18	Varity Cp	3.30	3.15
Exxon	43	42⅞	Pan Am	2⅜	2⅜	WCE	15⅜	15⅜
Farah Inc	8⅞	7⅞	Penney JC	53	52⅜	Weston	35	34⅞

TOKYO

Strong US gains help Nikkei to reach peak

(Reuter) — Prices ended firmer yesterday with the main index at a record close following Wall Street's overnight rise, but off their early traded peaks because of profit-taking, brokers said.

Mr Kenzo Doi, the head of investment information at Kokusai Securities, said: "The index could reach 30,000 by the end of this week, after pausing slightly along the way. We could see some profit-taking after it hits 30,000, but sentiment is bullish for December and January."

The Nikkei *index rose* 54.70 points, or 0.18 per cent, to a record 29,669.38 after a traded high of 29,767.63. The previous record close of 29,665.50 was set on Saturday as was the previous traded high of 29,666.47.

Prices were buoyed by strong gains on Wall Street overnight, brokers said. A trader at Yamaichi Securities said: "It is firm, steady trade. There have been no new developments regarding the emperor. The market is just sort of ignoring him and buying on the dip."

The Nikkei closed 50.82 points lower on Monday after Emperor Hirohito's condition suddenly deteriorated.

Buying was broad-based. Turnover was a modest 1.1 billion shares against 650 million.

The list of rises was headed by non-life insurance, com*munications, airline, pre*cision instrument, bank, oil, electrical, credit/lease, retail, and some manufacturing issues.

● **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index closed 5.38 points higher at 2,676.59 and the Hong Kong index rose 3.32 to *1,765.05. Turnover was* HK$953.99 million (£65.44 million), down from HK$1.23 billion on Monday. Buyers battled sellers but the market stopped short of HK$1 billion in turnover and left the stock indices little changed, brokers said.

● **Sydney** — By the close of floor trading, the All-Ordinaries index had risen 11.2 points to 1,458.6. The All-Industrials rose 18.5 to 2,344.6, the All-Resources 5.8 to 728.9 and the gold index 18.7 to 1,514.3.

STOCK MARKET

Ultramar rises on bid hopes

Alarm bells were ringing last night in the boardroom of Ultramar, the leading British independent oil company — and perennial takeover favourite — as it emerged that Noverco Inc, Unigesco Inc and Banque Paribas, acting together, have acquired 14.8 million shares, or a 4.3 per cent stake, in the company.

This news had speculators immediately chasing the shares higher on revived bid hopes, and by the close they stood 14p up at 258p following a turnover of almost 5 *million shares.*

As dealers heard that Noverco, a foreign oil trading company and Unigesco, also a foreign company which is in the food sector, were acting on behalf of Nova of Alberta — a group which apparently could swallow Ultramar with no trouble at all — they began to *think that the long-awaited* bid is about to materialize.

A couple of weeks ago, Ultramar's shares touched 270p amid intense speculation that a near-15 per cent holding was being accumulated and that a bid could be on the way from either Atlantic Richfield or Consolidated Gold Fields.

Further spice is always added to the Ultramar situation by the fact that Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, holds a 14.11 per cent stake in Ultramar. He is believed to be a willing seller at the right price (nearer £3 a share), while a further 2 per cent stake is thought to be held by Premier Consolidated.

Last month, Ultramar reported that third-quarter pretax profits had slipped to £6.3 million, compared with £9 million for the same period of 1987. In September it an*nounced a £130 million rights* issue to finance the $440 million (£236 million) acquisition of a Californian refinery.

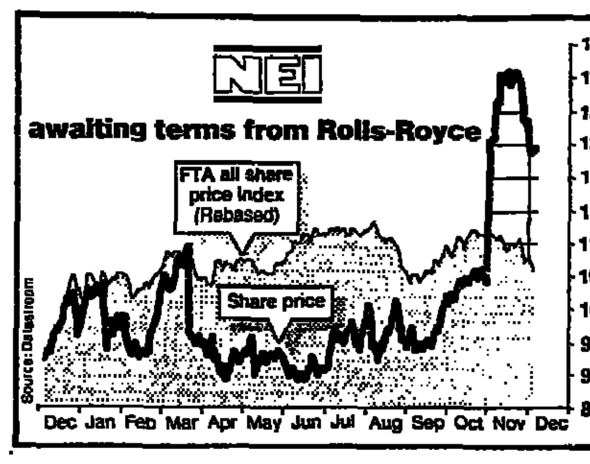
Last night, dealers believed that the new players almost certainly signalled that Ultramar's days of independence are numbered.

Elsewhere, the equity market shrugged off the news of Morgan Grenfell's withdrawal from the securities industry and the resulting 450 redundancies.

Helped by a string of favourable company trading statements and another good showing on Wall Street, share prices edged forward in thin trading. The FT-SE 100-share *index closed 5.8 points up at* 1,767.4, after initially showing a fall of 1.9 points on the Morgan Grenfell announcement.

The narrower FT 30-share index finished 5.8 points up at 1,444.8.

Gilts, helped by overseas support, moved up a further £⅜.



After Monday's debut and the hectic trading of 261 million shares, dealings in the newly-privatized British Steel were a lot more subdued and the close was 1p easier at 61p on a turnover of 61 million shares.

*Bostrom, which makes sus*pension seats for commercial vehicles, staged an impressive debut on the main market.

Placed at 135p each by Robert Fleming, the securities house, the shares opened at 141p and improved steadily to close at 146p, a premium of 11p.

Northern Engineering Industries, the Newcastle power station equipment and general engineering company, returned to prominence with the shares jumping 6p to 129.5p, amid speculation that Rolls-Royce has agreed on a merger which will value NEI at between 140p and 150p a share, or about £350 million.

Dealers have been expecting Rolls-Royce to bid for NEI ever since it revealed it had bought a 4.7 per cent stake in the company at the end of October. The news then brought about a swift jump in NEI's share price to a peak of 136p, but recently the shares have drifted because of the absence of any developments.

Meetings have taken place between Sir Francis Tombs, Rolls' chairman, and Mr Terry Harrison, his opposite number at NEI, during the past few weeks and it is believed a deal has now been worked out.

Analysts feel that Sir Francis is keen to create a new company, designed to win a large share of the orders expected for power station equipment after the privatization of the electricity industry. Additionally, he wants to put Rolls-Royce in a more favourable position compared with its larger US rivals in the gas-*turbine industry — General* Electric and Pratt & Whitney, which are both far more diversified.

Morgan Grenfell jumped 11p to 310p following the news of the merchant bank's withdrawal from the securities industry. Dealers feel that now Morgan's market-making operation has been closed, the group is even more vulnerable to a bid.

One dealer said: "Originally, a bidder for Morgan Grenfell was probably deterred by the loss-making securities division of the group."

Geoffrey Foster

Chase Manhattan Securities, the broker, is a fan of National Telecommunications, unchanged at 135p. It says the company has an ambitious management team and is transacting business in an area with great potential. NT is now well placed to grow rapidly.

Expect further expansion moves by Chancery after yesterday's £500,000 acquisition of Mark Kaye Financial, a loan and leasing finance group. Mr Harvey Cohen, the chairman, is believed to be ready to reveal a similar-sized deal. The shares closed *3p down at 213p.*

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,134	CU	2,937	Laporte	34	Saatchi	578
Abbey	3,639	Cons Gold	486	L&G	1,514	Sainsbury	1,603
Alld-Lyons	2,680	Cookson	569	Lloyds	1,680	Scot & N	2,394
Amstrad	858	Courtaulds	499	Lonrho	3,096	Sears	5,510
ASDA	5,159	Dalgety	485	Lucas	494	Sedgwick	195
AB Foods	261	Dixons	508	Magnet	311	Shell	865
Argyll	8,165	ECC	529	M&S	2,127	Siebe	139
BAA	985	Enterprise	1,479	Maxwell Cm	172	Slough	45
BET	2,273	Ferranti	3,928	MB Group	693	Smith & N	2,323
BTR	692	Fisons	738	MEPC	253	Smith WH	18
BAT	2,225	FKI Babck	368	Midland	333	Smiths Ind	25
Barclays	860	Gateway Cp	1,392	NatWest	780	STC	1,313
Bass	419	Gen Acc	910	Next	3,841	Stan Chart	430
Beecham	1,261	GEC	12,955	Nth Food	1,259	Storehse	2,615
Beazer	1,107	Glaxo	1,023	P&O	231	Sun Allnce	787
Benstd SW	2,182	Globe Inv	2,804	Pearl	587	T & N	315
BICC	605	Glynwed	1,203	Pearson	197	Tarmac	611
Blue Arrow	1,936	Granada	2,584	Pilkington	2,025	Tate & Lyle	147
Blue Circle	482	Grand Met	725	Plessey	4,934	Taylor Wood	108
BOC	1,651	GUS 'A'	134	Polly Peck	49	TSB	777
Boots	1,774	GRE	1,257	Prudential	2,546	Tesco	3,365
BPB	1,936	GKN	68	Racal	5,758	Thorn EMI	887
Br Aero	530	Guinness	525	Racal Tele	2,500	Trafalgar	4,273
Br Airways	884	Hamm 'A'	323	Rk Hovis	410	THF	1,044
Br Comm	804	Hanson	3,459	Rank	644	Ultramar	4,616
Br Gas	4,456	H & C	256	R&C	93	Unigate	966
Br Land	366	Hawker	273	Redland	394	Unilever	508
Br Petrol	2,540	Hillsdown	1,089	Reed	1,478	United Bis	878
Br Telecm	2,340	IMI	3,682	Reuters	1,429	Utd News	38
Bunzl	3,432	ICI	943	RMC Gp	141	Wellcome	1,355
Burmah	731	Inchcape	780	RTZ	1,157	Whitbrd	529
Burton	1,952	Jaguar	453	R-Royce	2,288	Williams	484
C&W	1,852	Lasmo	530	Rothmn 'B'	1,136	Willis Fab	336
Cadbury	711	Ladbroke	3,397	Royal Bank	365	Wimpey G	331
Coats	1,157	Land Sec	221	Royal Ins	828	Woolworth	1,169

British firms 'could be led astray by DTI' over 1992

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

The Government's 1992 publicity campaign has been criticized by a leading industrialist as a "re-run of the European Football Cup" in encouraging British companies to compete with their Community partners.

Mr Garry Hawkes, managing director of Gardner Merchant, says that British companies are in danger of being led astray by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Writing in the latest issue of *First*, a forum for political and industry leaders, Mr Hawkes, says: "1992 should not be a commercial re-run of the European Football Cup, with the UK engaging in an adversarial contest with the partners in the European Community.

"Instead it should be seen as a co-operative venture with the emphasis on opening up UK business to a process of cross-fertilization designed to raise standards in all areas of national life and to effect the best practices in the Community."

The danger of creating an insular "Fortress Europe" in 1992 is raised by Mr Stanislas Yassukovich, chairman of Merrill Lynch Europe and deputy chairman of the Stock Exchange.

Mr Yassukovich, also writing in *First*, says the use of strict reciprocity tests to control the participation of non-European financial institutions in the new Community could create a form of trade war which would prevent a truly open financial market-place.

● The TUC's Committee on European Strategy is planning a campaign to help unions persuade companies to establish joint bodies to prepare for European harmonization.

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Regina v Runting

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Steyn

[Judgment December 6]

A freelance Press photographer succeeded in an appeal against conviction at Southwark Crown Court (before Judge Paiba) of contempt of court arising out of his conduct in attempting to take photographs of a defendant who had left court.

Simon Runting, of Market Place, Abridge, Essex, who had been fined £500 and ordered to pay £500 costs, was awarded his costs out of central funds for the hearing on appeal and at the crown court.

Mr Gareth Williams, QC and Mr Edward Southwell for the appellant; Mr Neill Stewart as *amicus curiae.*

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that, for reasons which their Lordships did not know, *The Sun* newspaper and other newspapers were interested in taking photographs of *Mr Charles Springall and Mr* Anthony Bowles who were charged with living on immoral earnings in a trial taking some days.

On March 28 they *left* court and came down the steps in order to make their ways home. The appellant took some close-up photographs of Mr Bowles but Mr Springall put a folded *Guardian* newspaper over his head and face and, with his surety as guide, made his way quickly up Morgans Lane and Tooley Street towards London Bridge station.

The appellant ran after and caught up with the two men. It was not disputed that for the next 90 seconds to two minutes he persistently tried to photograph Mr Springall in spite of *his making it* clear that he did not wish his photograph to be taken.

A solicitor's clerk joined them. The appellant dodged about, around and between the group and walked backwards holding his camera low in order to penetrate the protection of the newspaper.

The incident ended when Mr Springall, unable to see where he was going, bumped into some scaffolding and, possibly also, a lamp post. He then made a run for it, managing to escape from the appellant who followed for a short distance.

So far as concerned the facts, their Lordships could only say "Yea" or "Nay" to the success of the appeal on *reading the* judge's findings of fact.

The law insisted that the defendant, the witnesses and others with duties to perform in any case, *civil or criminal*, were entitled to go to and from the court, whether on foot or otherwise without being molested or assaulted or threatened with violence.

The reason for that was, first, that there must be nothing to create fear in the minds of such persons so as to make them less likely to come to court to perform their functions.

The second reason was more difficult to put into words. It was that the authority and dignity of the court required that those attending it to take part in a trial should be allowed to do so without let or hindrance and without fear of molestation.

The principle derived from a judgment of Lord Justice Bowen in *In re Johnson* ((1888) 20 QBD 68, 74).

As in all criminal cases, there were two aspects to be considered: the act; and the intent with which it was performed.

So far as the act was concerned there was a dividing line between trivial acts which no one could say were acts amounting to the necessary interference and serious acts which might amount to it. The dividing line was not easy to draw.

Had the judge found that the *appellant had snatched the* paper away, or that he had struck the "victim" in the groin with the camera, or that he had been physically jostled, or that he had been pushed into a lamp post or scaffolding poll, or was threatened that he would be followed day after day all the way home, then quite clearly the necessary foundation for finding both the act and the intent were present.

But those matters, as the judge held, were not found to be proved.

What was conceded was that, given summary proceedings, *they were carried out with great* propriety. All necessary evidence was called, all necessary representation was present and the matters were properly argued at length.

Consequently one was left with behaviour which was offensive, rude, uncivilized and wholly reprehensible but which fell short of acts which, on an objective view, were not capable of amounting to interference sufficient to constitute the necessary acts.

Their Lordships did not, in those circumstances, have to deal with the further interesting submissions of Mr Gareth Williams so far as intent was concerned. The judge did not *direct his attention to the ques*tion of intent.

Where there was conduct which did physically impede or alarm, it might not be difficult to draw the inference of intent.

The appeal was to be allowed on the ground that there was insufficient by way of proof of the necessary acts set out in the judgment to create a proper foundation for the contempt order which he made.

Solicitors: Daniel B. Taylor, Wapping; Crown Prosecution Service.

Superior landlord's rent notice valid

In re Offshore Ventilation Ltd

Rhodes and Another v Allied Dunbar Pension Services Ltd and Others

Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Nicholls and Lord Justice Taylor

[Judgment November 9]

A notice served by a superior landlord on an undertenant under section 6 of the Law of Distress Amendment Act 1908, requiring the undertenant to pay rent directly to the superior landlord until the mesne landlord's arrears of rent were thereby discharged, was effective notwithstanding that the mesne landlord had granted a third party a charge by way of legal mortgage over his lease*hold interest or had assigned the* lease to a third party.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, allowing an appeal by Allied Dunbar Pension Services Ltd and Mr Terence Porter Sims, the trustees of the OSV Self-administered Pension Plan, from Mr Justice Harman who had ordered on June 19, 1987 (*[1987] 1 WLR 1703*) that, notwithstanding the service by them of notices under section 6 of the 1908 Act on the several underlessees of premises leased *by the trustees to Offshore* Ventilation Ltd, all moneys due or becoming due from the underlessees as rent under and during the continuance of the underleases fell to be paid to Mr Geoffrey William Rhodes and Mr Ian David Holland as the joint receivers and managers of the company, in priority to the trustees as superior landlords within the meaning of the 1908 Act.

Mr William Goodhart, QC for the trustees; Mr Christopher Pymont for the joint receivers and managers.

LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS said that the company had granted a debenture to *its bankers to secure all money* from time to time owing. The debenture granted the bank a first fixed charge by way of legal mortgage of the factory premises *leased to the company by the* trustees (of parts of which it had granted underleases), and also a fixed charge on the company's debts and a floating charge on all *the company's undertaking*, property and assets not subject to a fixed charge.

The bank had subsequently appointed the joint receivers *and managers under* a power in the debenture, and they had ceased to pay rent to the trustees.

The trustees, knowing of the *appointment of* the receivers, had served the section 6 notices on the underlessees and the receivers had thereupon levied distress in respect of arrears of *rent owed* by the underlessees and applied to the court for directions as to whether they were entitled to retain the sums received on distress or whether the notices required them to pay them to the trustees.

The receivers contended that the notices were not effectual against the bank, since the debenture had assigned to it the right to receive rent from the *underlessees, the floating charge* having crystallized on the appointment of the receivers, and that assignment took priority over the statutory assign*ment effected by the notices* by reason of the rule in *Dearle v Hall* ((1828) 3 Russ 1) because the trustees had had notice of the appointment of the receivers and thus of the assignment to the bank before they had issued the notices.

The receivers had submitted that since the Act made no reference to assignees of rent due from undertenants it could not have been intended to strip a legal or equitable assignee of the benefit of such an assignment without compensation even if he had given valuable consideration for it: the Act should be construed so as to avoid such an injustice and as not overriding the rights of *assignees who would have prior*ity under the rule in *Dearle v Hall.*

As legal mortgagee of the company's leasehold interest the bank had been entitled to take possession, which because of the subsisting underleases would have taken the form of requiring the underlessees to pay their rent to the bank, and had become the reversioner expectant on the underleases.

The bank had not taken possession and so the company as mortgagor had remained entitled to receive and retain the rents from the underlessees without any liability to account to the bank therefor either at law or in equity.

The appointment of the receivers had made no material difference since the debenture provided that they were deemed to be agents of the company, even though they had been appointed by the bank. The receivers' entitlement to receive *rents was therefore as agents for* the company, even though on receipt they were obliged to deal with the money in accordance with the terms of the debenture.

Given the existence of the charge by way of legal mortgage there was no scope for the operation in relation to the same property of the fixed charge over the company's debts or of the floating charge. It was abundantly plain that the floating charge was a residual provision operating only in the absence of a fixed charge.

The bank's rights in respect of the receipt of rent from the underlessees were governed by the charge by way of legal mortgage, and those rights were not enlarged or altered by the other charges.

If the debenture were thus construed the spectre of successive assignments of the same chose in action vanished. The receivers had been entitled to receive the underlessees' rent as the mortgagor company's agents until the service of the notices; there was thus no question of competing assignments or of someone other than the company having become entitled to receive the rents. On that ground, which did not *appear to have been argued* before the judge, the appeal should be allowed.

That result was neither surprising nor unconscionable: but for the debenture section 6 would plainly have been available to the trustees on the company's failure to pay rent, and conversely if the bank had gone into possession and failed to pay rent the section would equally have been available to the trustees.

Section 6 was as much available where the defaulting tenant was an assignee of the lease as it was where he was the original lessee. *An assignee of an* headlease took it subject to the possibility that if the rent due to the superior landlord were not paid the latter could garnish the rent due from underlessees, in the same way as he took subject to the possibility that in the event of default in payment of rent under the headlease the superior landlord might forfeit the headlease with the consequence that any undertenancies would automatically be terminated.

Likewise, a person, including a mortgagee, who took not an assignment of the headlease but a sub-term carved out of it acquired an estate which from its inception was subject to the *rights conferred on superior* landlords and undertenants by the 1908 Act.

If that were right and the notices would have been effectual if no legal charge in favour of the bank had been created, and also if the notices would equally have been effectual if the bank had gone into possession under the charge, it would be surprising to find that such notices were ineffectual if a receiver were appointed under the charge. There would be no rhyme or reason in that.

It was not appropriate or necessary to express any view on what the position would be under the 1908 Act if there were an assignment of a right to receive rent from an undertenant unaccompanied by an assignment of the reversion. That point could be decided if and when it arose.

Lord Justice Taylor and Lord Justice O'Connor agreed.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for A. R. Drummond & Co, Epsom; Nabarro Nathanson.

Costs of injunction granted on false evidence

Bir v Sharma

Before Mr Justice Vinelott

[Judgment October 6]

Where a *Mareva* injunction to prevent the dissipation of assets was obtained on the basis of fabricated evidence, the costs of the application for the injunction and the subsequent application for its discharge should be paid by the plaintiff forthwith on an indemnity basis even where it could not as yet be established whether or not the plaintiff was personally implicated in the plot to fabricate the evidence.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held in the Chancery Division on an application by Mr Om Parkesh Sharma to discharge the *Mareva* injunction obtained by Mr Dharam Bir on May 5, 1988.

Mr Stephen Rubin for Mr Sharma; Mr Anthony Clover for Mr Bir.

MR JUSTICE VINELOTT said that Mr Bir and Mr Sharma had formerly been partners and the dispute was as to the ownership of partnership assets.

It was now established that the *Mareva* injunction had been granted on the basis of forged evidence, a letter from a Mr Raj Kumar Sharma, the branch manager of the State Bank of India's branch at Delhi airport. *That letter* indicated that Mr Om Parkesh Sharma, the defendant, intended to open an account with the purpose of transferring substantial funds from England.

It transpired that the defendant had no intention of opening such an account, was not, as claimed, in India at the relevant time and that the signature on the account mandate form opening the account was a forgery.

The defendant had incurred considerable costs in going to India with his legal adviser to find out what had happened.

That was the conduct of an innocent man caught up in *deception.*

The plaintiff argued that Mr Raj Kumar Sharma acted without his knowledge and consent and as he was not personally implicated in the scheme to fabricate evidence he should not be ordered to pay the defendant's costs but that the question of the costs of the *Mareva* injunction should be left until trial.

His Lordship held that the court was in fact misled by fabricated evidence into granting a *Mareva* injunction which, apart from that evidence, would not have been granted. The evidence was clearly fabricated in order to assist the plaintiff in obtaining an injunction to which he was not entitled.

The result was that the defendant had not only suffered the disruption to his business affairs which was the inevitable consequence of the granting of a *Mareva* injunction, but had been put to considerable expense in order to uncover the deception and establish the true facts.

A *Mareva* injunction was an exceptional remedy and if the court was misled into granting an injunction by fabricated evidence, the party who obtained the injunction in reliance on that evidence had to accept responsibility for the costs and *damage that ensued, even if* he was able ultimately to show that he was not a party to or even aware of the deception which was practised for motives of friendship by someone who wished to help him.

Therefore the only course his Lordship could take in the circumstances was to direct that the plaintiff pay the defendant's costs of the application for the *Mareva* injunction, and the application to discharge it, on an indemnity basis, to be taxed and paid forthwith.

Solicitors: Kenneth Shaw & Co; Maurice Putsman & Co, Birmingham.

Applicant to answer new ground

***Regina v Secretary of State for* the Home Department, Ex parte Gaima**

Where an affidavit, sworn on behalf of the secretary of state in proceedings for judicial review of his decision to reject an application for political asylum, suggested for the first time that a further basis on which that decision was justified was that her delay in applying for asylum cast doubt on her credibility, and the applicant had had no opportunity of dealing with that suggestion before the decision had been made, the decision should be quashed and the applicant should be afforded such an opportunity before a final decision was made.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Lord Justice Glidewell) so held on December 6, allowing an appeal by Marion Gaima from Mr Justice Macpherson who on July 22 had dismissed her application for judicial review of decisions by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, refusing to rescind a deportation order made against her in 1981.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that in refugee and asylum cases the court should subject administrative decisions to rigourous examination. It was not for the courts to say which factors had weighed most heavily with the decision taker, and the suggestion in the affidavit could not be passed over as being akin to an *"obiter dictum"*.

Failure to act promptly is fatal to judicial review application

Regina v Dairy Produce Quotas Tribunal, Ex parte Caswell

Whenever there was a failure to act promptly or within three months, as prescribed by Order 53, rule 4(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, there was "undue delay" within section 31(6) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 and relief would not be granted at the court's discretion where it would be detrimental to good administration.

Mr Justice Popplewell so held in the Queen's Bench Division on November 25 when refusing to grant the application of Albert Raymond Caswell and Eirlys Edwina Caswell to quash the decision of the Dairy Produce Quotas Tribunal for England and Wales of February 13, 1985 to reject their claim for a wholesale milk quota, although granting their application for a declaration that that particular decision was unlawful.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the court, when dealing with undue delay in judicial review cases, was only concerned with a temporal consideration. Had, as here, more than three months elapsed from the date when grounds for the application first arose?

Each individual judge in every individual case had a discretion in undue delay cases and that discretion was not to be circumscribed. But in exercising that discretion there were such common factors as the length of delay and whether there was any excuse for all or part of that delay.

The court could refuse to grant the relief sought if it considered it likely to be detrimental to good administration which was a prerequisite of a refusal as the effect of the refusal not only upon the applicant but upon any other person affected by the relief sought was to be taken into account.

Affidavits filed too late

Regina v Dairy Produce Quotas Tribunal, Ex parte Vevers

Strict adherence to time limits for respondents lodging affidavits in judicial review proceedings under Order 53, rule 6(4) of the Rules of the Supreme Court was necessary.

Mr Justice Popplewell so held in the Queen's Bench Division on November 25 when granting an order by consent for *certiorari* to quash a decision of the Dairy Produce Quota Tribunal for England and Wales on January 28, 1985 to reject a claim by Robert James Vevers for a wholesale milk quota and granting an order of *mandamus* requiring the tribunal to reconsider his claim.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the Ministry of Agriculture had filed their affidavits out of time, the requisite 21 days, as laid down by Order 53, rule 6(4), and therefore their evidence would be excluded.

The time had now come when strict adherence to the rule should be observed by respondents in judicial review cases.

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Do Acc	34.25	36.44	-0.27	1.59
Am Gth	48.02	51.09	+0.43	0.52
Euro Gth	56.10	59.68	-0.01	0.36
Far East	63.63	67.69	-0.52	0.00
Gilt/Fxd Int	46.29	48.77	+0.08	8.16
World Bond	46.84	49.57	-0.10	5.52
Private Inv Pt	46.33	49.25●	-0.05	5.53
Profess Inv Pt	48.49	51.58●	-0.04	3.73
Progres Inv Pt	48.49	51.58●	-0.04	3.73
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033				
Amer	98.46	105.3	-0.97	0.94
Canadian Gth	19.23	20.57●	-0.11	2.12
Euro	93.98	100.5	-0.86	0.49
Gth Trust	256.1	274.0	-5.3	3.11
High Inc	307.4	328.8	-7.0	4.78
Intl Tech	100.6	107.6	-0.8	1.07
Investment	25.49	27.26●	-0.53	0.90
Japanese	243.0	259.9	-2.9	0.00
Man Int	27.23	29.12	-0.37	3.26
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL Tel: 0737-242424				
Euro Growth	53.97	57.56●	+0.08	2.34
Euro Spec Sits	39.90	42.68	+0.03	1.41
Intl	45.46	48.24●	-0.36	6.50
N Amer Gth	39.02	41.48	-0.32	1.95
Pacific Gth	52.08	55.71●	-0.22	2.82
UK Gth Accum	64.37	69.25	-0.68	3.45
Do Dist	61.25	65.89	-0.64	3.45
UK Income	54.23	58.02	-0.54	5.11
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090526				
Amer	53.15	56.47●	-0.68	1.77
Capit	125.2	133.0	-1.3	1.50
Convertible	22.90	24.33●	-0.14	7.91
Eurofund	23.72	25.17	-0.01	1.19
Growth/Inc	176.4	187.4	-1.0	4.40
High Dist	143.4	152.4●	-0.9	5.58
Intl	201.2	213.9	-1.7	1.05
Pacific	23.01	24.45	-0.17	1.23
Resrces	19.66	20.89	-0.12	0.00
Smlr Jap Cos	40.85	43.31	-0.22	0.00
Tokyo	200.7	212.8	-1.5	0.00
Ex Am 2	105.5	108.4	..	2.10
Ex Jap 3	125.4	128.8●	..	0.17
Ex Pacific 4	349.9	359.5	..	0.24
Ex Smlr Jap 4	241.2	247.9	..	0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311				
UK Balan Inc	76.29	80.94●	-0.53	3.01
Do Acc	81.06	86.00●	-0.56	2.83
UK Gth Accum	115.0	122.0	-1.0	2.24
UK High Inc	88.53	93.93●	-0.46	4.67
N Amer Acc	58.94	62.87	-0.51	1.24
Far East Acc	119.3	127.2	-1.3	0.61
Euro Acc	74.28	79.23	-0.68	1.31
UK Gilt/FI Inc	54.48	57.20●	-0.11	9.10
Do Acc	65.45	68.71●	-0.13	7.57
Intl Sp S Acc	38.28	40.83	-0.33	1.85
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LB Tel: 0708 66566				
Endurance	115.4	122.7	..	2.01
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Eqtble Pelican	88.98	94.66	-0.87	4.12
High Inc	93.44	99.41●	..	5.43
Gt/Fxd Interest	51.11	54.38	..	7.72
T Of Inv Ts	86.73	92.33	-0.54	2.38
Spec Sits	97.42	103.6	-1.28	3.04
N Am	53.96	57.43	..	1.39
Far East	118.7	126.3	..	0.32
Intl Gth	55.10	59.62	..	2.05
Euro	41.66	44.32	..	1.60
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Accum	169.6	180.5●	-1.7	3.94
Do Inc	138.1	147.0●	-1.3	3.94
Higher Inc Acc	320.0	340.5●	-2.5	5.10
Do Inc	236.5	251.7●	-1.7	5.10
Gilts/Fxd Acc	112.5	118.4	-0.2	9.10
Do Inc	80.98	85.11	-0.09	9.10
N Am Acc	101.5	108.4	-0.8	0.46
Far East Acc	208.5	221.9●	-2.4	0.00
Euro Acc	141.7	150.8	-0.7	0.00
Genrl	243.1	258.7	-2.3	4.22
Br Excellence	37.86	40.28●	-0.41	3.61
Br Fdmtls Inc	47.16	50.17	-0.25	6.82
Do Acc	48.67	51.79	-0.25	6.82
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680				
US Smlr Cos	60.07	64.25	-0.96	0.68
UK Inc Fund	87.73	93.82	-0.65	5.78
Far East	86.43	92.44	-0.49	0.00
O/seas Income	57.82	61.81●	-0.60	4.64
Fixed Interest	51.78	54.51●	+0.14	10.21
Natrl Res	53.13	56.82	+0.13	2.13
Euro Income	62.67	66.97	-0.25	3.44
Financials	44.57	47.67	-0.53	2.49
Intl Tech	92.30	98.71	-0.94	0.81
UK Growth	84.02	88.47	-0.58	2.36
US Major	41.65	44.52	-0.43	0.89
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	64.12	68.21	-0.44	1.25
Do Inc	62.07	66.03	-0.43	1.25
High Yield Acc	29.00	30.85	-0.15	5.70
Do Inc	26.63	28.33	-0.14	5.70
Inc Gth Acc	54.36	57.83●	-0.41	5.00
Do Inc	45.45	48.35●	-0.34	5.00
Service Co Acc	65.14	69.29●	-0.56	1.50
Do Inc	63.30	67.34●	-0.56	1.50
Am Gth Acc	22.44	23.87	-0.39	0.50
Do Inc	22.19	23.61	-0.39	0.50
Euro Gth Acc	17.08	18.15	+0.09	0.20
Do Inc	16.88	17.96	+0.09	0.20
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161				
American	96.09	101.7●	-1.17	0.76
Am Equity Inc	25.12	26.88	-0.27	5.81
Am Spec Sits	47.95	50.77	-0.12	0.60
Australia	24.45	26.01	-0.13	1.77
European	63.83	67.91	-0.29	..
Euro Inc	21.09	22.44	-0.10	4.11
Global Conv	20.84	22.29	-0.16	5.72
Far East Inc	38.27	40.54●	-0.19	3.45
Gt/Fxd Interest	28.89	29.10c	-0.01	9.99
Growth/Inc	113.7	121.8c	-0.5	4.58
Jap Spec Sits	73.76	78.41	-0.57	..
Japan	160.1	170.3	-1.7	..
Managed Int	119.4	127.1	-0.7	0.28
Inc Plus	102.6	110.1●	-0.7	5.34
Famous Name	38.97	41.79	-0.31	1.68
SE Asia	39.70	42.23	-0.36	0.69
Spec Sits	271.8	291.5	-1.8	0.53
East Opps	23.04	24.51	-0.10	0.00
Intl Bond	23.70	25.02	-0.27	7.40
Recov	27.37	29.38	-0.19	2.30
Moneybuilder	25.74	27.43	-0.14	2.28
Euro Ops 1992	..	..	..	..
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181				
Am Smlr Cos	157.0	166.1	-2.2	..
Do Acc	160.4	169.7	-2.3	..
Am T'rnd Inc	187.2	198.0	-1.6	..
Do Acc	194.1	205.3	-1.7	..
Capit Inc	250.0	264.5	-1.7	2.36
Do Acc	313.3	331.5	-2.1	2.36
Conv/Gilt Inc	104.3	110.3	-0.3	6.40
Do Acc	149.4	158.0	-0.5	6.40
Euro Inc	59.71	63.18	-0.43	0.94
Do Acc	60.21	63.71	-0.44	0.94
Extra Inc Inc	231.2	244.6	-1.1	4.99
Do Acc	265.6	281.0	-1.2	4.99
Financial Acc	43.69	46.23	-0.41	0.99
Do Inc	43.29	45.80	-0.42	0.99
Inc Trust	154.9	163.9●	-1.2	4.32
Do Acc	177.4	187.7●	-1.4	4.32
Intl Gth	130.6	138.2	-1.2	..
Do Acc	145.0	153.4	-1.4	..
Jap & Gen Inc	122.3	129.4	-1.9	..
Do Acc	123.5	130.6	-1.9	..
Monthly Inc	121.8	128.8●	-0.5	5.01
PEP 87		56.75●	-0.48	3.88
PEP 88	51.95	54.97	-0.88	3.26
Recov	174.0	184.1	-2.6	2.10
Do Acc	192.3	203.4	-2.8	2.10
Smlr Inc	56.83	60.13	-0.29	3.38
Do Acc	57.81	61.17	-0.29	3.38
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 411622				
Equity Dist	227.4	241.0●	-1.45	3.27
Do Acc	401.4	425.5●	-2.59	3.27
Euro Gth Dist	59.25	62.86	-0.34	0.45
Do Acc	59.60	63.24	-0.34	0.45
Fixed Int Dist	111.5	117.4●	-0.11	6.82
Do Acc	150.5	158.5●	-0.15	6.82
Int Gth Dist	53.47	56.73●	-0.61	0.54
Do Acc	53.88	57.17●	-0.63	0.54
N Am Dist	104.2	110.3	-0.79	1.61
Do Acc	106.6	112.8	-0.81	1.61
Pac Basin Dist	182.1	193.2	-2.11	0.14
Do Acc	185.3	193.4	-0.61	0.14
Stwd Dist	228.5	242.2●	-1.35	1.66
Do Acc	243.3	257.9●	-1.44	1.66
Stwd Inc Dist	58.87	62.40●	-0.30	3.97
Do Acc	60.77	64.41●	-0.29	3.97
NAm Stwd Dist	50.20	53.13	-0.41	0.89
Do Acc	50.82	53.79	-0.41	0.89
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	51.49	55.08	-0.04	0.51
UK Cap Inc	126.5	135.4	-1.8	3.20
Do Acc	189.5	202.7	-2.7	3.20
Do Spec Sits	52.48	56.44	-0.82	1.83
Inc Fund	99.01	105.9	-0.68	5.80
Intl	155.4	166.3	-1.5	1.16
US/Genrl	40.24	43.01	-0.28	1.05
Jap & Genrl	299.7	320.6	-3.0	0.00
Far East/Gen	123.3	131.9●	-1.4	1.07
Euro	240.6	257.4	-1.7	0.22
Germany	57.12	60.73	+0.07	2.06
Intl Inc	45.15	49.36●	-0.38	6.94
W'wid Spec Sit	57.75	61.77	-0.49	3.90
Global Prp Inc	47.72	51.04	-0.18	3.05
Do Acc	47.72	51.04	-0.18	3.05
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 01-623 1212 Dealing: 01-236 3885 Services: 0800 289336				
UK Growth Trusts				
British Acc	65.71	70.46	-0.64	2.70
Co Dist	55.01	58.99	-0.53	2.70
Chalt UK Gth	23.82	25.27	-0.34	3.32
Man Exmpt	267.7	278.8●	..	1.86
Pract Inv Inc	68.55	71.36	-0.69	2.49
Do Acc	128.2	135.2	-1.30	2.49
UK Spec Opps	62.79	67.33	..	0.00
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	57.50	61.93●	-0.38	6.40
Fxd Interest	28.67	30.86	+0.36	7.86
High Inc	30.22	32.33a	-0.17	5.83
Income	98.49	105.3	-0.23	3.52
Intl Fxd Int	23.83	25.09	+0.01	7.17
International Trusts				
Commod Shre	55.50	59.35	-0.41	1.88
Frontier Mkts	24.83	26.44	-0.17	0.87
Global	152.3	162.4●	-0.58	0.89
Do Dist	144.4	154.0●	-0.55	0.89
Glob Inc/Gth	67.79	72.45	-0.06	4.57
Gold Share	13.53	14.50●	+0.01	2.07
Intl Spc Opps	100.7	107.7	-0.53	1.39
W'wide Recov	84.01	89.85c	-0.89	1.56
Overseas Trusts				
American	61.24	65.25	-0.65	1.87
Am Sel Opp	24.70	26.51	-0.20	0.52
Australian	12.87	13.73	-0.09	2.67
European	46.75	49.74	-0.18	0.94
Euro Sel Opp	59.30	63.07	-0.73	0.83
Far East	127.8	135.9	-0.97	0.13
Hedged Am	31.72	33.88●	-0.07	0.50
Hong Kong	30.65	32.70	-0.24	5.00
Japan	137.6	146.3	-0.91	0.00
Jap S/Opp	70.51	74.96●	-0.77	0.00
Pacific Gth	45.94	48.85●	-0.45	1.05
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7979 Dealing:01-588 0526				
Intl Gth	87.9	93.5	-0.5	1.12
Amer Growth	53.74	57.17	-0.49	0.79
Amer Inc	56.17	59.75	-0.68	4.37
Euro Growth	47.25	50.28s	-0.40	1.17
Gold/Mins	43.53	46.30	-0.17	0.73
Jap Growth	67.52	71.83s	-0.51	..
Pacific Inc	84.93	90.35	-0.45	3.42
Pacific Strat	41.30	43.93	-0.38	0.41
UK Prog Inc	65.83	70.03●	-0.39	4.75
UK Spec Opps	139.6	148.7	-1.45	1.56
Gt British	36.74	39.08	-0.43	3.53
UK Sml Co	37.58	39.92s	-0.17	1.69
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-688 9903				
Gt/Fxd Interest	113.0	117.4	..	9.60
Gth Equity	233.5	247.0●	-2.7	2.87
Guardhill	315.4	326.8	-2.3	3.35
Inc Tst	95.83	101.4	-0.86	4.48
Intl	107.8	114.0	-1.1	0.36
N Amer	112.6	119.1	-1.4	1.84
Pacific	267.1	282.6	-3.0	1.00
Prop Share	353.6	374.2	-2.5	2.14
Smlr Cos	279.1	295.3	-2.6	1.94
Euro	250.5	265.0c	-2.1	1.33
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ, Tel: 01-623 9333				
Global Gth	40.64	43.24●	-0.28	0.80
High Inc	30.95	32.51	-0.66	5.54
N Am	104.7	111.4	-1.2	0.60
Pacific Gth	39.56	42.51	-0.66	0.50
Recov	317.3	337.8	-3.0	2.23
St Vin Inc	102.3	105.0	+0.1	5.84
St Vin US Gth	44.70	48.57	-0.56	1.12
TB Sm Cos	256.6	270.9	..	3.47
TBUSF	152.9	168.9●	-6.0	3.23
Euro Gth Tst	47.07	49.90	+0.19	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010				
Amer Equity	51.30	54.43	-0.73	5.87
Canadian	40.34	42.81●	-0.44	0.21
Equity Inc	100.8	107.3●	-0.6	6.06
Euro	83.74	88.65	-0.34	1.36
High Inc	78.74	83.77	-0.49	6.84
Intl Sits	45.11	48.99	-0.16	2.06
Jap & Far East	125.7	133.4●	-1.1	0.01
N Am	51.52	54.67●	-0.39	1.72
Recov/Asset	59.54	63.51	-0.80	1.15
Scandinavian	78.02	82.78	-0.45	1.50
Smlr Cos	32.8	34.9s	-0.3	1.56
UK New Genrn	38.04	40.47	-0.33	1.88
HENDERSON				
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, Tel: 0277 261010				
Am Recov	88.69	95.98●	-0.90	0.00
Am Smlr Cos	38.34	39.73	-0.31	0.00
Australian	101.2	108.1	+0.3	1.53
Best of World	45.93	49.10	-0.46	2.12
Capit Gth Inc	59.49	64.03	-0.47	2.45
Do Acc	71.31	76.74	-0.56	2.45
European	215.8	230.6●	-0.1	0.86
Euro Inc	42.20	45.13	-0.28	3.35
Euro Smlr Cos	80.10	85.72●	-0.28	0.06
Extra Inc	218.5	236.8	-2.7	4.64
Financial	184.2	180.2●	-1.2	2.32
Fixed Interest	51.48	55.53●	+0.04	9.76
Gilt	38.95	40.84●	-0.10	11.52
Global H'care	72.93	78.40	-0.63	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	59.28	63.48c	-0.43	4.97
Global Resrces	61.72	66.81	-0.21	0.49
Global Tech	68.70	73.56	-0.94	0.02
Gold	25.11	26.97	+0.14	0.00
High Inc	228.2	247.0●	-2.2	4.47
Hong Kong	54.21	57.87	-0.06	0.00
Income/Gth Inc	169.8	182.9●	-2.1	3.77
Do Acc	358.5	385.4●	-4.4	3.77
Inc Assets	123.7	132.8	-0.7	4.38
Intl	149.1	159.6	-0.5	0.57
Jap Spec Sits	208.2	222.2	-2.0	0.00
Jap	195.4	208.7	-1.1	0.00
Nth Amer	110.6	119.0	-1.8	0.44
Pac Smlr Cos	85.23	91.53	-0.15	0.00
Pension Man	41.84	43.67	+0.53	3.33
Pref/Gilt	53.63	58.82●	..	10.32
Recov	132.1	145.6	-1.9	2.40
Singap Malay	32.39	34.61	-0.39	0.00
Smlr Cos Div	168.0	182.7●	-1.33	3.76
Spec Sits Inc	175.4	191.9	-2.22	1.47
W'wide	480.3	497.9	..	2.82
Euro Exmpt	105.1	109.4	-0.3	0.70
Gth Tec Exmpt	61.68	64.28●	..	0.00
Hi Inc Exmpt	156.3	164.4●	-1.3	4.55
Jap Exmpt	195.9	203.8	-1.4	0.00
N Am Exmpt	75.40	78.75●	-0.92	0.65
Pacific Exmpt	170.3	176.6●	..	2.75
Smlr Cos Expt	162.3	173.4●	-2.0	2.10
Best of British	36.24	38.80●	-0.24	3.60
Spirit Of East	37.65	40.33	-0.33	2.18
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon Tel: 01-686 4355 01-628 8011				
British	58.19	62.16●	-0.50	2.67
Capit	108.9	115.4	-0.9	2.58
Dollar	158.0	168.9	-1.9	1.07
Euro	115.7	123.2	-0.8	0.06
Far East	131.3	140.4c	-2.2	0.66
Financial	401.2	429.0	-2.3	3.24
G/F Intrst Inc	26.39	27.41	-0.18	9.07
High Yield	80.15	85.72●	-0.46	5.12
Inc Trust	98.12	104.9●	-1.06	3.83
Intl	124.4	133.0	-1.3	1.70
Jap Tech	51.08	54.63	-0.80	0.00
Natrl Recrces	43.08	46.07	-0.32	1.27
Security	211.0	225.6	-1.8	2.09
Smlr Cos	116.5	124.5	-1.5	1.01
Spec Sits	115.6	121.8	-1.3	2.34
US Smlr Cos	22.28	23.82	-0.07	1.05
IBI FUND MANAGERS				
36, Queen Street London EC4 1DN Tel: 01-236 4210				
Brit/Ovses	124.8	132.1●	-1.0	2.23
Inc Plus	64.08	67.80	..	4.00
Cap Gth	61.11	64.66	..	4.89
Invest Trst	71.62	75.78●	..	1.34
KEY FUND MANAGERS				
86, High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5AJ Tel: 0303 264779				
Equity/Gen	52.28	55.76	..	2.84
Gt/Fxd Interest	67.07	71.35	-0.08	9.11
Higher Inc	136.6	146.1c	-1.0	5.55
Income	83.74	89.32●	-0.73	4.17
Intl	57.43	61.30●	+0.37	0.83
Smlr Cos	54.97	58.64	-0.37	1.31
KLEINWORT BARRINGTON LIMITED				
10 Fenchurch St London EC3 Tel: 01-623 8000 Dealers:01-929 0776				
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	46.22	49.28●	-0.30	6.44
Do Acc	48.21	51.29●	-0.32	6.44
Gilt Yield Inc	105.8	111.5●	-0.1	8.97
Do Acc	214.6	226.6	-0.2	8.97
Global Inc	139.6	148.5●	-1.2	4.65
Do Acc	253.8	270.0	-2.0	4.65
High Yield Inc	106.7	113.6	-0.9	5.56
Do Acc	233.7	248.6	-1.9	5.56
Capital Growth Trusts				
Am Smlr Co	46.38	49.34	-0.42	0.58
Do Acc	47.76	50.81	-0.42	0.58
N Amer	40.83	43.42c	-0.31	1.72
Do Acc	48.14	51.18●	-0.36	1.72
Euro Inc	85.25	90.54c	-0.83	2.10
Do Acc	107.3	113.9	-1.1	2.10
Euro Spec Inc	60.04	63.79	-0.54	1.90
Do Acc	80.52	84.30	-0.54	1.90
FO Invest Trst	23.08	24.55	-0.10	2.36
Do Acc	30.62	32.58	-0.13	2.36
Genrl Inc	187.3	199.3	-2.1	3.08
Do Acc	266.6	283.7	-2.9	3.08
Intl Recov	111.7	118.8●	-1.2	1.72
Do Acc	120.9	128.7●	-1.2	1.72
Jap Inc	302.3	321.6	-3.1	0.00
Do Acc	305.6	325.8	-2.9	0.00
Jap Spec	145.7	155.0	+0.4	0.04
Do Acc	148.4	155.7	+0.4	0.04
Master Acc	147.0	156.4	-1.2	1.88
Pacific Inc	173.7	184.7	-2.4	0.59
Do Acc	197.9	210.5	-2.7	0.59
Smlr Cos Inc	106.0	112.7●	-1.1	1.40
Do Acc	129.7	138.0	-1.4	1.40
UK Equity Gth	27.67	29.44	-0.28	2.28
Do Acc	46.58	49.56	-0.47	2.28
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
83, George Street, Edinburgh Tel: 031-225 4908				
European	38.34	40.79	-0.31	0.00
Extra Inc	22.39	23.77	-0.13	7.37
Far East	19.21	20.44	-0.20	0.00
Income/Gth	57.9	61.6	+0.2	4.73
Intl Gth	35.75	38.03	-0.28	2.12
Japan	53.49	56.90	-0.48	0.00
N Am Equity	22.40	23.83●	-0.24	0.00
UK Equity	53.72	57.15●	-0.38	2.94
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex Tel: Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261010				
Equity Dist	276.6	294.3	..	3.85
Do Acc	458.2	487.4	..	3.85
Do Inc	72.82	77.26	..	5.40
European	58.76	62.51	..	1.57
Far East	144.5	153.7	..	0.15
Fixed Interest	46.10	49.04c	..	8.71
Gilt	60.98	65.69●	..	7.81
Global Gth	48.69	51.80●	..	0.78
Intl Bond	43.10	45.82	..	5.92
Japanese	72.72	77.36●	..	0.01
O'seas Equity	82.21	87.45●	..	0.89
Natrl Res	82.11	87.35	..	1.87
N Amer	70.56	75.06	..	1.43
UK Recov	48.55	49.52●	..	3.88
UK Spec Sits	84.54	89.94	..	3.01
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten House Chatham ME4 4JF Tel: Tel:0634 834313				
Balanced	197.4	210.0●	-1.00	3.54
Do Acc	374.6	398.5●	-1.91	3.54
Cond Euro Gth	31.29	33.19●	-0.57	0.48
Do Acc	31.84	33.77●	-0.59	0.48
Energy Intl	53.78	57.19	-0.02	3.01
Do Acc	62.82	66.83	-0.02	3.01
Extra Inc	181.3	192.8●	-0.85	5.36
Do Acc	361.1	384.2	-1.31	5.36
German Gth	53.83	57.02	-0.28	0.81
Do Acc	55.27	58.55	-0.29	0.81
Income	318.8	339.1	-2.64	4.57
Do Acc	682.7	726.2	-5.65	4.57
Intl Tech	168.8	179.4●	-0.49	0.59
Do Acc	177.9	189.3●	-0.52	0.59
Jap Growth	103.1	109.4	-0.94	0.01
Do Acc	103.5	109.8	-0.94	0.01
Mastertrust Inc	39.22	41.59	-0.08	1.48
Do Acc	39.95	42.47	-0.08	1.48
N Am & Gen	97.04	103.2	-0.95	1.71
Do Acc	107.4	114.3	-1.07	1.71
NAm SC Rec	51.89	55.20	-0.24	0.01
Do Acc	52.00	55.32	-0.23	0.01
Pacific Basn	154.0	163.8	-1.62	0.01
Do Acc	161.4	171.7	-1.70	0.01
Smlr Cos/Rec	272.4	289.8●	-1.52	2.13
Do Acc	317.5	337.7●	-1.77	2.13
UK Gth Fund	55.50	59.04	-0.32	2.93
Do Acc	57.27	60.93	-0.33	2.93
W'wide Growth	180.8	192.2●	-1.05	0.80
Do Acc	257.7	274.1●	-1.50	0.80
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS Tel: 0392 282673				
Genrl	46.69	49.76●	-0.25	3.70
Inc Trust	44.12	46.94	-0.18	5.70
Intl	33.63	35.70	-0.22	1.00
American	27.26	28.94●	-0.29	0.90
Japan	48.86	50.93	-0.47	0.00
Trst Of Invst	35.61	37.60	-0.19	2.10
M & G SECURITIES				
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ Tel: 01-626 4588 Dealing: 0245-266266				
Am & Gen Inc	184.6	195.2	-2.5	1.48
Do Acc	220.4	233.1	-3.1	1.48
Am Recov	206.5	218.4●	-3.0	1.04
Do Acc	229.9	243.1●	-3.4	1.04
Am Sm Co Acc	41.8	44.2	-0.2	0.27
Australia Acc	110.0	116.3	-1.2	2.03
Commod Acc	287.1	304.3	-2.2	2.31
Compound Gth	513.1	542.8	-6.5	3.39
Conversn Gth	451.8	477.8	-4.7	3.72
Do Inc	247.3	261.5	-2.4	5.67
Dividend Inc	518.5	548.4●	-5.1	5.32
Do Acc	£16.71	17.67●	-0.16	5.32
Euro Acc	267.7	283.1	-1.5	0.94
Extra Yield Inc	303.5	320.9	-2.9	5.31
Do Acc	714.5	755.6	-7.5	5.31
Far East Inc	142.0	150.2	-2.4	1.24
Do Acc	177.2	187.4	-1.8	1.24
Of Inv Inc	294.7	315.3●	-1.4	2.86
Do Acc	486.4	520.4	-2.2	2.86
Genrl Income	781.5	826.4	-8.8	4.02
Do Acc	£17.45	18.46	-0.21	4.02
Gt/Fxd Interest	57.1	60.0●	-0.1	8.53
Do Acc	103.1	108.3●	+0.2	8.53
Gold Inc	39.0	41.2	-0.1	2.58
Do Acc	42.6	45.1	-0.1	2.58
High Inc Inc	407.3	430.7c	-5.2	5.68
Do Acc	£11.93	12.61	-0.13	5.68
Intl Gth Inc	762.8	806.7	-8.8	1.55
Do Acc	£12.53	13.25	-0.14	1.55
Intl Inc	55.7	58.9	-0.8	5.83
Jap Acc	£10.70	11.32	-0.12	0.00
Jap Smlr Acc	112.1	118.5	-1.5	0.00
Midland/Gen	882.3	933.0●	-8.7	4.10
Do Acc	£23.48	24.84●	-0.22	4.10
Recov Inc	534.8	565.5	-11.0	3.72
Do Acc	723.0	764.6	-8.1	3.72
2nd Gen Inc	885.8	958.5c	-10.7	3.49
Do Acc	£18.62	19.92c	-0.21	3.49
Smlr Cos Inc	£10.21	10.80	-0.06	3.02
Do Acc	£16.72	17.68	-0.10	3.02
Trustee Inc	576.0	613.4●	-8.3	4.41
Charibd Inc 3	103.3	●	..	10.99
Charifd Inc 2	496.1	521.1●	-6.1	6.03
Pension Ex 1	568.9	583.1	-6.5	4.84
AAACF Inc 3	41.1	●	..	8.82
Do Acc 3	622.6	●	..	8.82
MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
11 Devonshire Square London EC2M 4YR Tel: 01-626 3434 Dealing only: 0800 010733 (Intermediary) 0800 010333 (Public)				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Gth Gth	63.82	68.25	..	4.48
Smlr Cos	30.41	32.22	+0.04	1.63
Spec Features	23.85	25.35s	-0.32	1.33
Do Acc	25.38	26.91s	-0.34	1.25
General Funds				
UK Growth	36.27	38.53●	-0.24	2.97
Asset/Earn Di	51.35	55.19	-0.23	2.55
Do Acc	53.56	56.90	-0.23	2.47
GB Co	330.2	350.8	-1.8	2.98
Managed Inv	55.42	58.19	-0.45	2.49
Repan Chld	46.16	49.05	-0.11	2.63
High Income Funds				
Extra Inc	72.0	76.5	-0.4	6.33
Gilt	25.83	27.23	-0.05	8.86
Inc/Gth	27.72	29.45●	-0.19	4.25
Pref Shares	19.78	21.01●	-0.02	8.71
UK Income	231.3	245.7	-1.5	4.63
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commod	126.8	134.7●	-0.9	1.89
Financial Secs	39.15	41.59●	-0.39	3.94
Gold	40.80	43.43●	-0.09	0.58
Do Acc	42.31	45.37●	-0.09	0.55
Intl Leisure	15.77	16.75●	-0.20	0.00
Prop Shares	74.07	78.68	-0.85	1.86
Univ Energy	51.65	54.87	-0.56	2.07
World Tech	33.56	35.65	-0.39	0.44
Exempt Funds				
Exmpt	104.7	110.6●	-0.4	3.92
Euro Expt Acc	69.73	74.82	-0.41	0.93
Euro Expt Inc	69.97	74.01	-0.41	0.94
Overseas Growth Fund				
Australian Gth	40.28	43.00	-0.27	2.84
Drayton Jap	55.41	59.04●	-0.67	0.00
Euro Perf	69.95	73.95	-0.46	0.39
Do Acc	69.71	74.77	-0.47	0.38
Euro Smlr Cos	12.34	13.24	-0.15	1.31
Far East	65.19	69.26	-0.47	0.34
French Gth	37.48	40.24	-0.18	0.56
Do Acc	37.7	40.5	-0.2	0.56
Hong Kong	21.95	23.47	-0.21	2.56
Intl Gth	36.27	38.53●	-0.29	1.99
Intl Recov	26.19	27.82	-0.24	0.73
Jap Perf	107.7	114.7	-1.1	0.00
Do Acc	107.7	114.7	-1.1	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	24.20	25.76	-0.56	0.00
Sing/ASEAN	27.23	29.21	-0.22	1.33
Do Acc	27.24	29.23	-0.22	1.33
SE Asia	70.87	75.21	-0.51	0.97
US Sml Co	53.46	57.93	-0.74	0.00
Do Acc	54.03	58.54	-0.75	0.00
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	44.08	46.52	-0.43	5.88
Intl Inc/Gth	53.66	57.01●	-0.48	3.55
US Income	44.5	47.5	-0.4	4.73
Do Acc	52.15	55.80	-0.52	4.04
NEL Trusts				
Nelstar Gilt	68.22	69.99	-0.15	8.38
Britannia Arrow (Formerly County Unit Trusts)				
Financial	168.5	179.0	..	3.63
Global Inc	58.55	62.06●	-0.55	4.04
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1, Sessions House Square, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX Tel: 0622 674751				
Amer	20.80	22.13	-0.28	0.74
Emerg	21.38	22.64	-0.18	0.39
Genrl	36.05	38.35●	-0.36	3.14
Intl	52.38	55.72	-0.52	2.25
Gilt Unit	24.57	25.33●	-0.01	8.81
Inc/Gth	61.40	65.32●	-0.61	4.16
Euro	32.03	34.07	-0.22	1.62
Safety 1st	23.13	24.61●	-0.05	7.41
UK Smlr Cos	21.30	22.66	-0.18	2.69
MARKS & SPENCERS UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 410 Chester X CH99 9QG Tel: 0244 680066				
Inv Port Acc	90.74	97.04	-0.64	3.09
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUST LTD				
48, Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7HF Tel: 031-226 4372				
Far East	84.78	89.99	-1.15	0.85
Inc Fund	50.83	53.95●	-0.61	4.42
European	39.31	41.72	-0.32	1.12
N Amer	26.86	28.51	-0.49	1.27
Gth/Rec	47.55	50.47●	-0.57	2.44
Intl Gth	427.5	453.8	-3.8	2.38
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33, King William St, EC4R 9AS Tel: 01-280 2860				
Am Growth	82.80	88.32●	-0.40	0.18
Do Acc	88.29	94.18●	-0.43	0.18
Am Income	38.82	41.41	-0.28	4.23
Do Acc	45.84	48.89	-0.33	4.23
Euro Growth	114.3	122.0	-0.8	2.45
Do Acc	120.8	128.9	-0.9	2.45
General	294.9	314.6	-0.1	2.03
Do Acc	504.3	538.0	-0.2	2.03
Gilt/Fixed	79.94	84.26●	-0.15	7.86
Do Acc	108.4	114.3●	-0.2	7.86
Income	99.58	105.2●	+0.10	3.60
Do Acc	120.8	128.5●	+0.2	3.60
Intl	254.2	270.0	-2.6	1.59
Do Acc	323.8	343.9	-3.4	1.59
Japan	184.0	195.6	-2.3	0.00
Do Acc	188.6	200.9	-2.4	0.00
Recov	232.6	248.7●	+0.1	2.01
Do Acc	283.6	302.6●	+0.1	2.01
Exmpt Dist	266.8	284.2	..	3.86
Do Acc	466.5	478.4	..	3.86
Euro Inc	62.56	66.60c	-0.44	4.54
Do Acc	68.25	72.66c	-0.48	4.54
Am Smlr Dist	34.09	36.37●	-0.57	0.00
Do Acc	34.92	36.53●	-0.58	0.00
Br Blue Chip Di	41.23	43.78	-0.05	2.45
Do Acc	42.86	45.74	+0.05	2.45
Global Dist	42.23	45.05	-0.33	0.76
Do Acc	42.69	45.53	-0.33	0.76
High Inc Dist	44.95	47.95●	-0.04	5.25
Do Acc	47.80	50.98●	-0.04	5.25
High Int Dist	43.47	46.20	+0.02	8.32
Do Acc	47.83	50.83	+0.01	8.32
Pacific Dist	41.33	44.09	-0.23	1.84
Do Acc	41.70	44.48	-0.23	1.84
UK Smlr Dist	43.95	46.88	-0.06	1.58
Do Acc	45.31	48.34	-0.05	1.58
Am Sm Cos Ex	33.25	34.11	-0.44	0.23
Do Acc	33.45	34.31	-0.44	0.23
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Descon House 192, Eyre St Sheffield S1 3RD Tel: 0742 529888				
British Dist	45.86	48.79	-0.36	3.17
Do Acc	45.86	48.79	-0.36	3.17
Capit Income	98.51	104.8	-0.97	2.76
Do Acc	139.8	148.5	-1.5	2.76
Extra High Inc	66.39	70.63	-0.24	7.25
Do Acc	67.19	72.75	-0.44	7.25
Gt/Fxd Income	50.90	53.15●	-0.03	8.58
Do Acc	98.07	102.4●	-0.03	8.58
High Yield	183.8	195.5●	-1.5	5.71
Do Acc	346.9	369.0●	-2.6	5.71
Income	207.6	220.8	-1.5	4.10
Do Acc	364.3	387.6	-2.6	4.10
Intl High St Dis	47.27	50.29	-0.46	2.39
Do Acc	48.06	51.13	-0.45	2.39
Jap & Pacific	319.6	339.8	-2.8	0.00
Do Acc	335.9	358.2	+1.6	0.00
Mandarin	42.48	45.03	-0.39	1.08
N Amer Inc	90.18	95.94●	-0.50	1.17
Do Acc	110.9	118.0●	-0.6	1.17
Euro Gth Inc	105.8	111.4●	-0.7	1.13
Do Acc	128.5	136.6●	-0.8	1.13
Managed Port	56.95	60.58	-0.48	2.30
Meridian Gth	95.82	101.4	-0.69	2.81
Meridian Inc	93.53	98.97	-0.77	5.45
Smlr Cos Inc	149.6	159.4	-1.5	2.31
Do Acc	165.0	175.5	-1.6	2.31
MORGAN GRENFELL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
46, New Broad Street, London EC2M 1UT Tel: 01-826 0826 Enquiries: 01-826 0123				
Amer Gth	99.35	105.7	-0.88	3.22
Euro Gth	119.9	127.6●	-0.5	2.55
Intl Gth	101.1	107.6●	-0.6	1.67
UK Equity Inc	98.32	104.8	-0.78	5.02
UK Eq In Acc	100.0	106.5	-0.8	5.02
UK Eq In Trckr	91.21	96.52	-0.56	4.66
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile Street Glasgow G2 2PX Tel: 0345 090033				
Amer Inc	95.31	100.9	+0.05	4.48
European	42.54	45.11s	+0.10	1.71
Far East	88.20	93.94	-0.76	0.18
Olympiad	39.12	41.75	-0.11	0.85
Olympiad Inc	33.95	36.12●	-0.13	5.84
Smlr Cos	62.88	67.12s	-0.45	1.52
UK Equity Inc	70.08	74.81●	-0.46	5.88
UK Growth	50.85	54.28	-0.16	3.45
N M SCHRODER				
Enterprise House, Portsmouth Tel: 0705 827733 Dealing 0705 661222				
Amer Acc	22.89	24.41●	-0.22	1.76
Australia Acc	157.6	168.3	-1.5	0.60
Conscience Inc	40.89	43.63●	-0.33	2.29
Do Acc	41.60	44.39●	-0.34	2.29
Euro Inc	107.0	114.1	-0.7	1.15
Do Acc	111.6	119.0	-0.8	1.15
Extra Inc	67.20	71.71●	-0.44	6.68
Extra Inc Acc	79.16	84.48●	-0.51	6.68
F East Gth Acc	81.34	86.94	-0.99	0.26
Gt/Fxd Income	52.47	55.52	-0.04	8.81
Gold Inc	34.48	37.07	-0.05	1.24
Do Acc	36.89	39.65	-0.06	1.24
Inc	43.37	46.26●	-0.36	5.78
Do Acc	106.9	114.0●	-0.9	5.78
Intl Inc	22.46	24.06●	-0.18	0.79
Do Acc	31.57	33.87●	-0.27	0.79
Jap Sm Co Acc	186.1	198.4	-0.8	0.00
Sing Mal Acc	64.44	69.10●	-0.89	0.00
Sm Co Inc Acc	34.27	36.84●	-0.29	1.51
Spec Sits Inc	25.98	27.94s	-0.78	1.47
Do Acc	27.84	29.72s	-0.82	1.47
Tokyo Inc	68.82	73.40s	-0.56	0.00
Do Acc	69.51	74.14s	-0.57	0.00
US Sm Co Acc	40.85	43.70●	-0.09	0.00
UK Equity Inc	121.5	129.5	-1.0	3.91
Do Acc	197.3	210.4	-1.5	3.91
PEARL TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Pearl Assurance House Thorpewood Peterborough PE3 6SA Tel: Dealings 0800-626577 Inquiry 0733-67767				
Gth Trust Inc	98.17	104.4	-0.65	3.07
Do Acc	152.9	162.7	-1.0	3.07
Inc Trust	147.2	156.6	-0.8	4.32
Intl Equity Inc	137.5	146.3	-1.0	2.08
Do Acc	142.4	151.5	-1.0	2.08
Equity Inc	144.5	153.8●	-0.8	3.57
Do Acc	266.8	283.5●	-1.4	3.57
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames Tel: 0491 576868				
Intl Gth	266.9	285.4	-2.25	1.45
Income	202.3	216.3	-1.61	4.40
W'wide Rec	145.4	155.5	-1.52	1.87
Am Growth	61.75	66.05	-0.56	0.99
Intl Emerg Cos	68.23	73.04	-0.42	0.94
Far East Growth	95.93	102.6●	-0.93	0.80
Euro Gth	56.94	60.90●	-0.37	1.48
UK Growth	37.82	40.45	-0.39	2.88
High Inc	49.18	52.60	-0.24	6.10
Jap Gth	92.94	99.41	-1.02	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
222, Bishopsgate, London EC2 Tel: 01-247 7544/7				
Intl	118.5	126.3●	..	0.02
High Inc	77.49	82.35●	..	4.28
Conv/Gilt	117.7	125.9●	..	5.37
Far East	224.2	238.8	..	0.01
Nth Amer	105.2	112.2	..	0.01
Spec Sits	88.95	95.04●	..	1.18
Technology	107.1	114.4●	..	0.93
Extra Inc	116.4	124.3c	..	4.76
Euro Gth/Inc	41.01	43.77	..	2.89
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51-65, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL Tel: 478 3377 LinkLine 0800 010345				
Holb Equity	471.8	499.2	-2.32	3.10
European	96.93	103.2●	-0.03	0.75
Holb Comms	58.89	62.72	-0.42	0.49
Holb High Inc	78.57	84.03c	-0.60	6.57
Holb Intl	95.79	102.0	-0.32	0.99
Japanese	145.0	155.0	..	0.04
N Amer	65.42	69.67●	..	0.84
Holb Spec Sits	85.03	90.94	..	2.25
Holb UK Gth	86.02	91.51	..	2.76
Holb Premier	41.30	44.17a	..	7.42
Holb Smlr Cos	61.47	65.47●	..	3.23
Holb Eqty Inc	59.66	63.83●	-0.71	5.40
Holb Intl SC.	41.81	44.53	..	0.05
NM ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED				
St Swithins Lane, London EC4N 8NR 01-634 2981/4				
Income	105.2	112.3●	-0.40	5.06
Japan	211.0	225.0	-1.83	0.00
Major UK Co	55.99	59.77●	-0.26	3.05
Smlr Aus	69.33	73.93	-0.52	1.95
Amer Inc	232.5	248.3	-2.94	1.43
Do Acc	258.6	276.7	-2.99	1.43
Smlr Cos	189.0	206.0	-1.43	2.09
Smlr Canada	34.50	37.01	-0.21	1.52
Smlr Euro Cos	157.9	168.5●	-0.79	0.75
ROYAL TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
3, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1RT Tel: 01-638 2433 Dealing: 01-638 2531				
Capit Gth Inc	68.35	72.07●	-0.68	3.37
Do Acc	82.56	87.06●	-0.83	0.00
Pacific Basin	149.3	157.5	-0.3	2.78
Do 6% Wthd	70.15	73.96	-0.14	0.00
Finance/Prop	85.09	89.71	-1.58	2.77
Fixed/Conv	48.90	51.55●	-0.28	7.32
Do Acc	94.0	99.1●	-0.5	0.00
Equity Inc	99.1	104.5	-2.9	4.97
Do Acc	245.9	259.3	-7.0	0.00
High Yield Inc	108.7	116.9●	-1.8	5.81
Do Acc	323.9	348.3●	-5.3	0.00
Intl Inc	78.19	82.44	-1.53	1.48
Do Acc	81.81	86.27	-1.60	0.00
Do 6% Wthd	72.9	78.3	..	1.34
Preference Inc	47.90	51.65	-0.68	7.19
Do Acc	177.5	191.4	-2.6	0.00
Smlr Cos	73.77	77.78●	-1.70	2.35
Do Acc	81.97	86.44●	-1.91	0.20
Pres Canada	40.91	41.12	..	0.11
Pres Commod	46.78	49.03	-0.47	0.03
Pres Europe	95.61	98.10	-0.39	0.00
Pres Global	48.05	48.31	-0.12	..
Pres Gold	34.63	34.81	-0.34	0.14
Pres HK	30.55	30.70	-0.22	0.09
Pres Jap	127.2	127.9	-0.4	0.00
Pres Sing/M	35.98	38.16	-0.32	0.10
Pres UK	89.27	89.72	-2.08	1.44
Pres US	56.22	56.50	-1.56	1.54
W'wide Alpha	47.88	50.46	-1.50	2.17
Do Acc	48.11	50.73	-1.51	0.00
SAVE & PROSPER				
28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB Tel: (Romford) 0708-766966				
Am Inc/Growth	46.71	49.89●	-0.61	3.70
Capit	104.2	110.8	-1.1	1.51
Commod	64.19	68.28	-0.13	1.03
Euro Growth	95.64	101.7●	-1.48	1.26
Financial Secs	103.9	109.7●	-1.2	2.54
High Return	219.3	233.2	-1.7	4.69
High Yield	196.5	209.0	-2.9	4.44
Inc Units	109.0	115.9	-0.8	5.92
Investment	101.4	107.8	-0.9	3.05
Jap Growth	119.0	126.5	-1.6	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	136.3	145.0	-2.1	0.00
Masterfund	32.41	34.47c	-0.33	2.65
Scotbits	149.2	158.7	-1.7	3.21
Scotshares	209.9	223.2●	-1.9	2.80
Scotyields	186.9	198.8	-2.0	4.76
Select Intl	84.05	88.29	-0.93	1.40
Smlr Cos Inc	221.7	235.8	-1.9	4.15
Spec Sits	117.4	124.8	-1.3	2.18
UK Equity	202.0	214.8	-1.5	3.83
US Growth	64.25	68.35	-0.78	1.24
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031 225 2211				
Nelson	203.1	217.2	..	3.30
Colombus	128.4	137.3	..	1.51
Marco Polo	224.0	239.6	..	0.29
Da Vinci	241.5	258.3	..	1.50
Drake	53.37	57.08	..	1.23
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN Tel: 041-248 6100				
UK Equity	208.8	222.2●	-2.0	3.08
UK Sm Cos Eq	218.8	230.7●	-2.3	2.35
European	181.5	193.1	-1.3	1.47
N Amer	107.5	114.4	-1.0	2.13
Inc Plus	54.08	57.54	-0.34	5.68
UK Spec Sit	62.53	66.53	-0.60	2.74
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA Tel: Tel:031-556 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	16.32	17.47a	-0.09	3.62
Intl Gth Acc	17.50	18.73a	-0.19	1.50
Global Inc Acc	18.93	20.26a	-0.02	5.38
Mkt Leadr Acc	16.12	17.25a	+0.07	4.12
SBI UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Enterprise House Portsmouth Tel: 0705 827733				
O'seas Sm Co	49.04	52.16	-0.30	0.36
Pension Chark	665.7	708.1	..	4.33
Recov	£11.30	12.02	..	3.08
UK Sml Cos Ex	97.86	104.1	-0.97	2.41
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ Tel: 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	25.82	27.43	-0.21	2.38
Equity Gth Acc	30.62	32.53	-0.29	3.45
Equity High Inc	30.70	32.62	-0.36	4.54
Equity Genrl	26.28	27.92	-0.21	3.27
Do Acc	30.82	32.75	-0.28	3.27
G/F Intrst Inc	26.70	28.04	-0.03	7.69
O'seas Lgr Acc	184.7	200.4	-0.6	1.37
Nth Amer Acc	21.60	22.84	-0.09	1.53
Far East Acc	42.78	45.45	-0.03	0.00
Euro Acc	24.02	25.52	-0.12	1.32
UK Lgr Inc	184.1	199.8	-1.8	4.08
Do Acc	204.6	222.0	-2.0	4.05
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031-226 3271				
Amer Inc	185.5	197.3●	-1.1	1.08
Do Acc	212.5	226.1●	-1.2	1.08
Do Wthdl	114.8	122.1●	-0.7	1.08
Australian Inc	156.8	166.9	-1.4	0.33
Do Acc	161.5	171.8	-1.4	0.33
British Inc	786.8	838.0	-4.7	4.84
Do Acc	£11.44	12.18	-0.06	4.84
Euro In..	248.6	264.7	+0.2	0.00
Do Acc	263.5	280.5	+0.2	0.62
Jap Inc	86.52	92.14	-0.47	0.16
Do Acc	87.21	92.87	-0.47	0.16
Santa PPP	202.5	212.7	..	..
SUN ALLIANCE				
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex Tel: 0403 56253				
Equity Acc	449.6	478.3	..	3.67
NAm Acc	48.58	51.68	..	2.03
Far East Acc	109.3	116.3	..	0.17
W'wide Bond	46.50	48.95	..	6.90
European	47.69	50.73	..	2.64
Equity Inc	60.78	64.68●	..	5.15
W'wide Tech	37.98	40.40	..	0.89
W'wide Find	40.05	42.61	..	2.33
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview Basingstoke Hants RG21 2DZ Tel: Dealing no:0256 841414				
UK Income	29.9	31.8●	-0.3	4.79
Do Gth	26.75	28.45●	-0.15	3.09
Wwide	19.84	21.10●	-0.15	1.95
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE Tel: 0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4				
Amer Inc	90.81	96.61	-2.06	2.19
Do Acc	97.48	103.6	-2.21	2.19
Br Gth Inc	52.27	55.61	-0.28	3.46
Do Acc	54.69	58.18	-0.30	3.46
Euro Inc	50.67	53.90	-0.35	1.08
Do Acc	52.05	55.37	-0.35	1.08
Extra Inc Inc	146.2	155.5	-0.80	6.08
Do Acc	188.7	200.7	-1.02	6.08
Genrl Unit Inc	171.2	182.1	-2.18	3.69
Do Acc	296.4	315.3	-3.72	3.69
Gilt/Fixed	47.15	49.11●	-0.14	9.35
Do Acc	72.37	75.39●	-0.21	9.35
Inc Trust	257.8	274.2●	-1.36	5.19
Do Acc	436.6	464.6●	-2.3	5.19
Intl	312.2	332.2●	-7.81	0.89
Do Acc	394.8	419.7●	-8.86	0.89
Pacific	209.0	222.3	-2.29	0.32
Do Acc	217.3	231.1	-2.39	0.32
Natrl Resrces	58.09	61.80	-0.47	1.74
Do Acc	61.58	65.51	-0.49	1.74
Selected Opps	75.71	80.54	-0.80	2.84
Do Accum	86.44	91.96	-0.88	2.84
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS				
Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks Tel: (0296) 394000				
Am Eagle	58.68	62.72●	+0.04	3.33
Australian	6.75	7.22	-0.10	0.10
Commod	72.05	77.75●	-0.65	0.64
Equity	147.8	159.3c	-0.9	3.28
Equity Exmpt	114.5	123.7●	..	2.24
Equity Ex Acc	219.6	237.3●		2.24
Euro Spec Sits	80.35	86.21	-0.33	1.58
Convertible	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.09
Financial	29.62	31.90a	-0.28	2.14
Global Inc	53.33	57.41●	-0.43	0.85
Do Acc	53.73	57.86●	-0.43	0.85
Gold Inc	43.28	46.31●	-0.57	0.00
Do Acc	79.72	85.79●	-1.24	0.00
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.14	4.72
Japan	126.8	135.0	-1.3	0.00
Pacific Inc	113.2	121.2	+0.1	0.06
Do Acc	142.4	151.6	+0.1	0.06
Pref Share	24.91	26.49		7.82
UK Capit	86.01	92.83	+0.80	1.69
Spec Sits	92.65	98.51	-1.01	1.82
World Cap	147.9	158.4	-1.2	1.87
World Inc	50.26	53.99	-0.22	3.06
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
33 Cavendish Square London W1M 7HF Tel: 01-493 7262 Dealing: 01-493 3646				
Am Opp Dist	36.35	38.73	-0.55	1.42
Do Acc	37.14	39.62	-0.56	1.42
Euro Opp Dist	40.48	43.10a	-0.37	0.00
Do Acc	41.24	42.92●	-0.37	0.00
F East Opp Di	93.1	99.3		0.00
Do Acc	93.39	99.61	+0.01	0.00
Gold Opp Di	32.77	34.96	+0.07	1.28
Do Acc	32.56	34.73	+0.07	1.28
Inc Hi Yld Dist	43.37	46.26	-0.32	4.30
Do Acc	43.81	46.73	-0.32	4.30
Jap Opp Dist	58.21	62.04	-0.64	0.87
Do Acc	58.91	62.84	-0.64	0.87
Kangaroo Dist	27.01	28.81	-0.47	0.55
Do Acc	27.16	28.97	-0.47	0.55
Orient Inc Dist	25.60	27.31	-0.16	3.08
Do Acc	26.75	28.53	-0.16	3.08
Pac Tech Dist	48.84	52.09	-0.39	0.00
Do Acc	48.84	52.09	-0.39	0.00
Tiger Dist	86.92	92.73	-0.56	0.44
Do Acc	87.72	93.57	-0.57	0.44
UK Hi Yld Dist	37.09	39.57●	-0.20	9.46
Do Acc	41.09	43.83●	-0.23	9.46
UK Opp Dist	40.01	42.84	-0.41	2.08
Do Acc	41.51	44.40	-0.43	2.08
TOUCHE REMNANT				
Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT Tel: 01-248 1250				
Amer Growth	34.30	36.58	+0.04	1.49
Eur Spec Sit	23.96	25.54	+0.11	1.06
Do Acc	24.37	25.97	+0.11	1.06
Genrl Growth	59.74	63.55	-0.47	2.25
Global Tech	49.88	52.85●	+0.14	0.17
Inc Growth	71.45	76.01	-0.25	4.40
Inc Monthly	58.29	62.01●	+0.01	6.41
Jap Growth	66.90	71.21●	-0.63	0.17
Man Equity Inc	24.09	25.61	-0.06	3.39
Do Acc	25.15	26.64	-0.07	3.32
O'seas Gth	48.14	51.43●	-0.05	1.36
Smlr Cos	87.92	90.82	+0.43	1.32
Spec Opp	99.38	105.3	-1.16	1.63
WW Spec Sits	25.33	26.98	-0.18	1.12
Do Accum	25.33	26.98	-0.22	1.12
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUST				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Utd Charities	170.5	181.9●	..	4.56
VANGUARD TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Tel: Enquiries: 01-236 3053 Dealing: 0277 261010				
Am & Gen	55.75	59.31	-0.48	1.61
Do Acc	57.63	61.31	-0.49	1.61
European	41.62	44.28	+0.01	1.48
Do Acc	42.15	44.84	+0.01	1.48
F East/Gen	57.58	61.26	-0.64	0.08
Do Acc	57.58	61.26	-0.64	0.08
Glenmara	212.5	226.1	-0.7	2.05
Do Acc	219.5	233.5	-0.8	2.05
Growth	211.8	225.3	-1.8	2.54
Do Acc	322.7	343.3	-2.8	2.54
High Yield	268.3	285.4	-3.1	4.31
Do Acc	294.4	318.9	-2.7	4.31
Master Portfl	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.57	2.87
Do Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.60	2.87
Spec Sits	53.98	57.43	-0.44	2.15
Do Acc	56.10	59.68	-0.47	2.15
Trustee	156.6	166.6	-1.7	4.06
Do Acc	259.2	275.7	-2.9	4.06
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
99 Bishopsgate London EC2P 2LA Tel: Tel:01-374 0881				
Amer	52.11	55.73	..	1.80
Pacific Perf	117.8	125.9	..	0.60
Intl Gth	74.38	78.85	..	0.40
Inc Tst	113.3	121.2	..	3.50
Jap Gth	196.8	210.5	..	0.10
Sml Co	137.6	147.1	..	1.80
Technology	29.32	31.35●	..	0.10
Australia	56.17	60.07	..	1.70
UK	154.1	164.8●	..	2.80
Euro Gth	48.04	51.37	..	0.10
Hong Kong	29.16	31.18	..	1.60
Intl	19.33	20.67	..	8.00
Sing Malay	20.37	21.78	..	1.00
Br Wnrs	24.00	25.66	..	3.00
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Square Edinburgh Scotland EH2 4DJ Tel: 031-225 1551				
Aus Gold	16.60	17.66	-0.13	0.00
Pacific Basin	22.56	24.00●	-0.32	0.60
Canadian Gth	40.93	43.54	-0.04	0.19
Ginne Me	€94.83	98.78●	-0.57	9.12
Penny Share	26.04	27.70●	-0.73	0.50
WELLINGTON FUND MANAGERS				
2 London Bridge London SE1 9RA Tel: 01-407 4404				
Gth Fund	168.8	177.5	-5.1	1.51
Inc Fund	109.5	115.5	-1.2	5.19
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey La EC2 8BT Tel: 01-606 3132				
Sht Dtd Gilt	79.65	80.58	+0.04	0.00
US Govt Bond	€54.26	54.38●	+0.01	0.00
Challenger	53.91	54.62●	..	1.80
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD Tel: 01-405 8331				
Conv/Equity	62.41	68.39●	-0.18	6.39
Income	74.34	79.08	-0.58	3.70
Growth	83.02	88.31	-1.16	1.89
Prop Shares	48.87	51.88●	-0.58	1.45
Smlr Cos	59.18	62.96	-0.51	1.62
European	51.52	54.81	-0.27	1.11
Far Eastern	47.58	50.60	-0.28	1.05

The prices in this section refer to Monday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days (1) Monday (2) Tuesday (3) Wednesday (4) Thursday (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1988 High	1988 Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	A & M Gp	8	7½		..	..	..
505	228	ASD	455	470	..	14.0	3.0	13.0
75	50	ATA Selection	65	70	●-2	2.6	3.8	16.1
38	14	Aber Pet	14	18	..	..	..	..
111	46	Aberdeen Stk Hse	50	55	-2	2.0	3.8	13.1
175	146	Acal	166	172	+1	4.9	2.9	13.5
37	22	Acorn Comp	24	27	+1	..	..	..
80	46	Acsa Group	43	48	r ..	..	..	58.2
262	112	Aircoprop	146	156	..	6.6	4.3	9.5
104	97	Allied Ins	95	102	..	5.3	5.4	10.8
83	50	Ald Restaurants	47	52	..	2.0	4.0	8.9
131	78	Amer Bus Sys	117	122	+2	2.4	2.0	12.8
210	181	Antler	158	163	..	4.8	3.0	13.2
352	240	App Holographics	278	288	-2	..	..	..
515	170	Ashtead	260	270	s +2	2.7	1.0	17.4
540	373	Aspen Comms	490	500	+10	7.3b	1.5	21.8
330	253	Asprey	300	315	..	6.5	2.1	13.8
79	21	Assoc Energy	57	60	..	..	..	61.5
150	133	Assoc Nursing	133	138	..	2.7	2.0	17.4
88	71	Atlantic Sec	78	83	-1	..	..	..
288	165	Atlas Equipment	268	278	●+1	10.7	3.9	14.7
121	111	Automagic	110	115	..	8.7	7.7	28.8
58	33	BBB Design	30	35	..	2.0	6.1	9.2
49	28	BCE	36	38	-1	1.3	3.5	59.7
149	98	BLP Group	107	117	-1	4.3	3.8	16.4
297	70	BTS Grp	85	90	+2	5.7	6.5	..
114	92	BWD	112	115	..	5.0	4.4	9.2
275	135	Beaverco	245	258	+5	7.9	3.1	16.2
120	73	Bedford (William)	80	90	+3	3.0e	3.5	7.9
95	71	Bensons Crisps	80	85	..	1.1	1.3	18.3
120	82	Berry,Birch & Noble	103	113	..	6.0	5.6	10.9
119	82	Bliston&Battersea	95	105	..	5.6	5.6	12.5
43	23	Bio Isolates	25	29	..	..	..	..
31	16	Bisec Inds	23	25	..	..	..	..
108	38	Blanchards	42	47	-1	..	..	..
210	185	Bletchley Motors	185	195	..	..	..	..
710	435	Blenheim Exhib	665	685	..	10.7	1.6	26.9
337	223	Bluebird Toys	220	230	..	8.3	3.7	9.0
49	29	Border TV	35	39	..	2.3	6.2	7.8
122	80	Borland	78	83	..	..	..	..
21	8½	Brewmaker	8	9½	r ..	..	..	11.8
247	133	Br Bloodstock	235	245	..	11.7e	4.9	41.2
108	71	Br Island	79	81	..	2.7	3.4	8.2
52	31½	Broad St	31	33	..	1.5	4.7	28.8
199	158	Broadwell Land	160	165	+1	5.5	3.4	5.7
550	335	Brookmount	485	505	..	7.0	1.4	16.1
7	3	Buts Resources	3	3½	+¼	..	..	2.5
428	155	Burford	350	375	● ..	2.0	0.5	42.4
108	50	CCA Publications	88	91	..	4.0	4.4	26.8
151	108	CML Micro	130	135	..	1.9	1.4	15.2
94	47	CPU Comp	42	52	..	..	..	13.7
111	15½	CSL Corp	101	106	+1	2.9	2.8	19.0
257	190	Cam Energy	210	220	r +2	..	..	..
50	50	Caledonian	45	55	..	..	..	..
131	80	Cap & Regional	125	130	+1	0.5	0.4	46.1
159	128	Carron Phoenix	127	132	+2	4.7	3.6	..
275	165	Castle Comm	265	275	..	9.6	3.6	14.6
70	42	Catalyst	50	54	..	0.8	1.5	12.7
101	80	Central Motor	98	103	..	3.3b	3.3	16.0
170	120	Chelsea Man	120	140	-2	3.9	3.1	13.8
154	73	Checkergate Gp	133	140	..	4.0	2.9	15.6
105	95	Chelran Group	98	101	..	..	..	..
23	7¼	Cifer	9½	10	r -¼	..	..	8.6
170	113	Circuitmit	110	120	..	3.2	2.8	7.1
323	263	Citygate	290	300	-2	9.0	3.1	10.0
321	290	Citygate CP	287	292	..	5.0	1.7	..
110	73	City of Lon	72	77	..	1.0	1.3	11.0
113	65	Cityvision	103	106	+2	0.7	0.7	..
168	138	Clarke Hooper	157	162	-1	4.0	2.5	13.0
31	18	Clogau Gold	17	19	..	..	..	..
119	69	Cliff Resources	74	77	..	..	..	..
100	35	Coated Electrodes	47	52	..	..	..	23.3
67	67	Cobra Emerald	62	72	..	..	..	..
35	21	Colorgen Inc	21	24	..	..	..	..
235	155	Colorgraphic	217	225	-3	6.4	2.9	17.9
400	145	Colourvision	347	357	-3	5.7	1.6	32.6
98	73	Co of Designers	70	75	..	2.9	4.0	8.8
56	36	Compsoft	40	45	..	..	..	..
67	32	Conroy Pet	38	40	..	..	..	..
63	35	Coss Tem Inns	33	36	..	..	..	..
210	160	Cord Microwave	190	210	..	4.2	2.1	13.3
203	147	Cook (DC)	151	156	-2	3.8	2.4	11.4
148	101	Copymore	100	105	..	2.7	2.6	12.6
79	48	Corporate Prop	59	62	-1	2.3	3.8	30.8
81	51	Corton Bch	57	60	+1	0.7	1.2	10.1
510	290	Cramphorn	435	455	-5	7.3	1.6	22.1
85	68	Cranbrook	65	75	+1	0.7	1.0	37.2
108	73	Crapswick	80	85	-2	7.4	8.9	11.0
91	73	Craton Lodge	70	75	..	3.3	4.5	10.2
455	180	Creighton Labs	385	395	-5	7.2	1.8	17.0
224	65	Crown Com.	190	197	+2	..	..	..
225	97	Dawes (DY)	107	117	-3	5.3	4.7	20.4
171	116	Dean & Bowes	165	170	r -2	5.0	3.0	13.8
60	50	Deimar	55	58	..	3.1	5.4	11.4
178	100	Denmans Elec	170	180	+2	5.5	3.1	10.7
135	90	Dewey Warren	123	127	+8	..	..	..
196	106	Dolphin Packaging	178	183	..	4.3	2.4	19.1
443	370	Druck	435	445	..	8.3	1.9	14.0
46	26½	Dunton	31	32½	-½	1.0	3.1	12.0
136	101	Dudley Jenkins	110	115	..	2.7	2.4	16.4
68	46	Durham (DG)	55	58	..	..	..	..
95	84	EW Fact	90	95	..	4.0	4.3	9.7
55	43	Eadie	48	51	+1	2.2	4.4	26.0
108	76	Econ Forestry	85	90	-2	4.0	4.5	12.4
34	23	Edin Oil & Gas	26	28	..	..	..	..
635	325	Eldridge Pope 'A'	630	650	+55	11.0	1.7	26.1
152	105	Electron House	127	132	..	6.0	4.6	10.2
170	118	Elmwn	115	120	..	6.4	5.4	9.6
216	125	Eve Group	203	208	..	8.0	3.9	11.7
150	80	Excalibur Leisure	103	107	..	2.9	2.8	..
53	19	Explaura Hldgs	47	48	+½	..	..	..
93	16	F & H Group	19	21	..	..	..	..
25½	11	Fairhaven Intl	12½	13½	..	..	..	..
83	46	Fairway London	45	50	-2	3.3	6.9	8.1
81	55	Feedback	53	57	..	3.3	6.0	17.6
72	35	Feltex Mining	35	39	-5	..	..	..
26	10½	Fergebrook	11½	13	-½	..	..	6.8
138	33	Fields (Mrs)	33	35	..	..	..	..
151	90	Filofax	87	92	-3	4.3	4.8	8.7
76	24	Firstbad	22	25	-1	..	..	..
53	39	Flexech	43	46	-1	..	..	..
240	170	Flogas	200	220	..	..	..	..
38	18½	Floyd Energy	18	19	..	..	..	..
132	84	Ford Sellar	85	90	-1	2.7	2.8	13.2
195	171	Forward Gp	170	180	●-5	4.0	2.3	15.7
241	213	Freeman Gp	223	228	..	9.0	4.0	11.9
170	85	French Conn	90	100	● ..	7.0	7.4	6.2
610	380	Fuller Smith 'A'	380	410	..	4.8	1.2	22.8
675	325	GWR Gp	600	650	..	4.0	0.6	16.3
80	43	GC Flooring	56	65	-2	2.7	5.1	38.1
149	116	Gaelacci	113	118	-2	5.3	4.6	7.9
171	135	Gardner (DC)	167	172	..	2.7	1.6	19.5
180	115	Gebbon Lyons	150	170	..	6.0	3.8	14.2
323	208	Gibbs Mew	265	280	+2	6.0	2.2	27.7
95	48	Global Gp	43	48	●-4	2.3	5.0	13.1
10	1	Godwin Warren	1	1	..	2.9†	..	0.3
132	68	Granyte Surface	129	132	● ..	4.1	3.2	18.2
272	217½	Great Southern	215	225	..	8.4	3.8	14.9
272	203	Greep (Ernest)	210	225	..	6.3	2.9	11.9
41	26	Greenwich Cable	27	32	..	..	..	..
75	51	Guidehouse	48	53	-4	1.9	3.7	12.5
220	135	Halls Homes	162	192	-3	6.1	3.3	23.2
95	73	Hampden Homecare	82	87	..	2.4	2.8	10.4
183	134	Handley Walker	170	175	-3	5.1	2.9	19.4
70	55	Harmony Leisure	62	64	..	0.2	0.3	75.9
175	100	Hatfield Estates	155	165	..	4.0	2.5	7.9
50½	19½	Hawthorn Leslie	41	42½	-1	0.3	0.7	42.0
93	55	Health Care	55	60	-2	1.3	2.2	11.8
860	720	Hewitree	840	860	+5	18.5	1.9	23.2
790	660	Do 'A' LV	760	800	-10	18.5	2.1	21.0
133	86	Hewetson	118	123	..	4.3	3.6	15.3
153	70	Hey & Croft	72	77	-3	2.1	2.8	8.8
262	133	Highland Part	240	242	●+1	2.7	1.1	..
71	40	Hills Ergonom	68	73	..	2.9	4.1	18.3
53	22	Hobson	21	24	●+1	1.0	4.3	8.5
250	185	Hodgson	185	190	..	3.3	1.8	16.5
150	138	Holders Tech	142	147	..	8.0	5.5	..
166	115	Honeycomb Gp	117	122	●-3	7.5	6.3	8.6
230	123	Hornby	210	215	..	5.3	2.5	14.8
138	102½	HPC Group	128	133	+1	2.7	2.1	14.7
111	44	Hughes Food	43	45	-1	2.0	4.5	8.6
148	64	Hughes (HT)	131	134	● ..	3.1	2.3	30.7
36	18	Humbrol Elec	16	19	-1	..	..	..
80	52	Huntleigh Tech	60	70	..	..	..	84.4
98	73	INSTEM	70	80	-5	3.3	4.4	15.5
105	40	Image Storage	52	62	+2	..	..	..
24	5½	Intec	5¼	6	+¼	..	..	..
36	25½	Ionco	27	28	..	..	..	74.3
260	103½	Intereurope Tech	85	120	-2	8.5	7.9	12.0
580	228	Interlek Express	245	260	..	9.2	3.8	11.3
32	14	Intl Media	16	18	-1	..	..	..
27½	19½	Israel (Jack L)	19	20	-½	0.8	4.1	16.8
55	30	JMD Group	42	46	..	..	..	..
385	312	Jacques Vert	335	345	..	11.3	3.3	12.2
16	13	Jelsons	13	15	..	..	..	..
180	80	Johnson Fry	158	163	..	3.7	2.3	19.5
138	98	Johnstone Paints	112	117	..	6.4	5.6	10.3
253	141	JSB Elec	228	238	r ..	5.3	2.3	13.0
91	65	Just Rubber	68	73	● ..	3.0	4.2	10.9
302	148	Kenyon Secs	145	160	-5	9.0	5.9	14.0
227	105	Kewill Systems	190	200	..	2.8	1.5	15.1
54	40	Kurti-Teknik	40	45	● ..	1.7	4.0	11.0
141	53	Knobs & Knockers	122	127	+1	2.7	2.2	17.2
46½	36	Kunick	41	42	..	1.4	3.4	16.5
87	45½	LPA Ind	63	70	-2	4.0	6.0	11.7
161	93	Laidlaw Thomson	90	100	+2	6.5	6.8	8.0
270	108	Lambert	115	125	..	11.3	9.4	4.4
208	135	LBMS Plc	147	157	-30	2.3	1.5	15.0
85	65	Lawmar	75	95	..	3.6	4.2	10.2
170	156	Linest	165	170	-2	4.9	2.9	16.6
8	5½	Lincoln Hse	6¼	7½	..	..	..	..
245	105	Lodge Care	170	177	..	3.7	2.1	24.9
110	95	Lon & Clydeside	97	108	+1	7.6	7.4	12.0
182	153	Lon Forfaiting	161	164	-1	8.8	5.4	9.6
43	15	Lysander Pet	16	18	..	..	..	41.5
103	88	M6 Cash & Carry	88	93	..	5.2	5.7	12.6
173	100	MMT Comp	158	163	●-2	2.3	1.4	15.9
95	70	MTL Instruments	83	87	-1	2.7	3.2	13.0
325	190	McLaughlin & Har	316	326	+1	11.3	3.5	15.3
85	63	Magnetic Materials	62	67	-5	3.9	6.0	39.4
188	120	Mammat	115	125	s ..	2.3	1.9	18.0
127	69	March Gp	67	74	+2	2.1	3.0	7.6
437	235	Marrs Dev	340	350	-5	3.0	0.9	..
40	18	Maxpoint	18	21	-2	..	..	..
95	65	Mayborn	65	69	..	4.8	7.2	8.3
25	15½	Memory Comp	15½	16	-½	..	..	..
40	8	Memcom Intl Hldgs	10	13	..	..	..	..
287	175	Menton-Swain	272	282	+2	5.3	1.9	17.6
86	70	Merchant Mgnt Est	67	72	..	4.0	5.7	5.8
415	293	Merrydown Wine	365	380	-2	8.0	2.1	18.7
153	125	Metal Bulletin	130	135	..	6.7	5.0	16.0
183	108	Metsec	130	135	-3	4.6	3.5	13.1
136	116	Microtec	133	138	..	3.9e	2.9	15.8
325	213	Microsystems	225	235	..	4.0	1.7	10.5
50	28	Microvitec	44	46	..	2.3	5.1	13.6
175	110	Millward Brown	140	150	-2	4.7	3.2	12.1
485	200	Mas World	423	438	..	10.7	2.5	18.2
373	235	Mays	318	325	..	4.3	1.3	21.9
62	32	Molecare Visions	38	43	..	..	..	87.2
143	83	Monks & Crane	88	98	..	4.4	4.7	12.1
141	95	Moorgate	93	98	..	2.4	2.5	11.9
103	85	Morris Ashby	93	98	-1	4.9	5.1	12.2
80	21	Mowat	39	41	r ..	0.6	1.5	27.6
120	85	Musterlin	115	122	+2	4.0	3.4	13.6
29	15	New England Props	19½	20½	-½	..	..	18.9
95	90	Do 10%	90	100	..	0	10.5	..
181	100½	Norfolk House	160	165	-6	2.0	1.2	..
87	35	Norbain	32	37	-3	0.9	2.6	..
50	30	Nth Sea & Gen	37	40	-1	0.7	1.8	15.5
118	83	Northumbrian Fine	85	90	..	2.7	3.1	12.9
90	45	OIS	74	78	..	..	..	..
38	15	Optometrics	22	25	..	..	..	..
345	20	Orchid Tech	125	145	..	..	..	..
273	205	Osborne & Little	200	210	-8	6.7	3.3	11.1
153	116	PCT	140	150	..	5.7	3.9	17.2
74	33	PML	31	36	-1	1.7e	5.2	9.1
145	77	Pacer Systems	77	84	●-1	..	..	..
318	215	Pacific Sales	217	227	..	3.0	1.4	33.3
297	216	Parkway	243	253	●+1	4.0	1.6	15.4
25	17	Pathfinders	16	18	..	0.4	2.4	15.3
14	3¾	Pavion	3½	4	-¼	..	..	..
310	205	Pegasus	293	303	●-2	10.0	3.4	12.4
350	258	Pepe Group	300	310	..	6.0	2.0	13.6
48	23	Pancom	30	34	-1	..●	..	16.0
101	67	Perkins Foods	73	78	+1	2.5	3.3	21.8
290	175	Personal Computer	170	180	..	4.8	2.7	12.6
178	106	Peters (Michael)	103	108	●-2	4.9	4.6	7.6
11	6	Petrogen	7¼	8¼	-¼	..	..	..
211	65	Piccadilly Radio	165	170	..	4.3	2.6	22.8
118	52	Pict Pet	108	112	+1	..	..	..
127	56	Plasmec	124	128	-1	4.4	3.5	17.7
145	47	Platon	50	55	..	..●	..	..
283	185	Plum Hldgs	245	252	..	6.3	2.5	17.1
170	80	Polytech Marine	162	172	+2	0.7	0.4	20.5
142	78	Prism Leisure	139	143	..	6.0	4.3	11.2
180	100	Pyon	160	164	..	2.3	1.4	..
4	1¾	Property Trust	1¾	2	-¼	..	..	..
84	60	Prospective	60	65	+2	1.3	2.1	20.4
158	133	Quarto	130	135	..	5.5	4.1	12.6
245	138	Quested	234	242	+1	7.2	3.0	11.6
126	78	RKF	108	111	-1	3.5	3.2	20.9
359	97	Radio City 'A'	342	352	..	8.0e	2.3	13.8
276	88	Radio Clyde	243	248	● ..	7.7	3.1	14.6
158	98	Radius	145	150	-2	3.0	2.0	20.8
33	22	Ramco Oil	23	28	..	..●	..	..
180	130	Ramus	137	147	..	9.3	6.5	10.7
218	121	Randsworth	212	216	..	3.3	1.5	60.8
208	168	Rainbow Bros	200	215	..	6.7	3.2	19.2
94	67	Real Time Control	70	77	+2	2.7	3.8	20.2
72	39	Regina Health	44	48	r ..	0.7	1.6	17.6
149	103	Reliance Sec	138	145	-2	6.3	4.4	13.2
50	28	Reliant Motor	37	40	..	..	..	15.9
135	116	Ring	113	118	-2	..	..	..
103	74½	Rockwood	83	88	..	0.5	0.6	14.0
178	163	Rolfe & Nolan	160	165	..	6.1	3.7	12.6
139	111	Rockel	112	116	-1	5.4	4.7	11.8
103	91	Rural Planning	90	95	+2	2.7	2.9	18.9
181	78	SAC	90	95	●+6	5.3	5.7	15.4
46	26	SEP Indl	24	27	..	0.9b	3.5	8.4
98	84	SPS Consultancy	83	88	..	3.0	3.5	18.3
158	135	Sanders Sidney	153	163	+5	8.4	5.3	14.7
176	133	Sanderson Elect	162	167	●-1	4.0	2.4	12.2
207	168	Savage	170	180	●+2	4.0	2.3	13.1
203	150	Scot Heritable	163	168	-1	7.3	4.4	14.0
217	156	Sec Archives	165	175	..	6.4	3.8	18.9
217	118	Select App	191	199	●+1	3.6	1.8	21.1
21	10	SelecTV	10	12	r -½	..	..	..
193	163	Senl Cowells	160	165	●-3	5.3	3.3	15.1
103	84	Severfield-Reeve	89	92	-1	2.0	2.2	..
205	145	Sharp & Law	145	155	●+3	4.2	2.8	15.1
83	65	Sheldon Jones	70	80	..	8.2	8.3	12.2
78	48	Shelton (Martin)	60	65	..	2.7	4.3	..
283	148	Sherwood Comp	138	153	-2	6.0	4.1	6.6
445	325	Sherwood Group	385	405	-5	6.1	1.5	15.5
161	106	Shurco	144	148	+1	5.3	3.6	13.6
440	330	Sims Food	325	338	r ..	9.5	2.0	20.6
87	50	Soundtracks	53	58	..	2.5	4.5	12.5
380	304	Spin Bus	342	348	-3	6.8	2.0	18.1
25	13½	SW Resources	13	14	..	..	..	18.9
395	336	Spandex	360	380	●-5	4.0	1.1	19.8
84	64	Specialeyes	62	65	-2	..	..	15.4
63	25	Spectrum	28	32	-1	..	..	24.0
180	88	Spice	87	92	+1	4.8	5.3	8.9
78	54	Splash	53	58	+1	2.7	4.8	22.8
118	88	Stainless Metal	95	100	-2	8.0	8.1	..
59	24	Stanco Exhib	37	40	..	0.4	1.0	21.4
321	180	Stadscope Props	209	212	-3	0.1	..	19.5
130	86	Sterling Pub	100	105	-2	4.4	4.3	13.8
90	56	Sunleigh Elect	59	61	..	2.0	3.3	8.6
128	123	Sunset & Vine	120	125	-1	..	..	..
77	38	Sutherland	64	67	-1	2.2	3.3	26.1
323	253	Synapse Comp	248	258	..	4.5	1.8	11.8
91	57	TDS Circuits	62	67	r ..	..	..	..
190	153	TMD Advert	184	187	..	4.0	2.2	13.6
188	135	TSB Chan Islands	165	170	..	7.4	4.4	8.4
178	129	TV-AM	142	147	-2	6.7	4.6	9.6
221	84¼	Task Force	218	223	..	4.1	1.9	21.5
178	83	Telecomputing	100	115	-2	2.0	1.9	8.9
192	125	Thornton GW	165	175	..	5.3	3.1	13.6
49	31	Thorpac	33	36	r ..	0.4	1.1	14.5
112	80	Tinsley (Eliza)	85	95	-2	5.3	5.9	9.6
92	82	Titan	82	86	..	2.3	2.7	..
86	55	Total Systems	53	58	..	2.0	3.5	10.4
78	58	Transcrap Hldgs	70	75	..	1.3	1.6	16.4
40½	15	Tranwood	33½	34½	+¼	..	..	..
358	221	Trencherwood	300	325	..	5.4	1.7	13.4
100	56	Trewen Hldgs	95	98	●-2	4.0b	4.1	9.3
87	58	Trikon	60	64	..	..	..	..
34½	21	Tabular Exhib	26	28	● ..	0.4	1.5	19.9
135	105	Tudor	130	140	● ..	8.7	5.0	11.4
163	115	UCL Group	115	120	+2	5.3	4.5	9.9
59	18	URS Intl	15	20	-2	..	..	..
216	185	UTC Group	183	187	s ..	12.0	6.5	11.7
563	495	Utd Friendly	495	520	+5	35.5	7.0	..
160	113	Usher (Frank)	113	118	..	8.0	6.9	7.0
125	85	Video Tape Rec	105	115	●+2	3.3	3.0	12.2
75½	61	WSP Hldgs	70	75	+2	2.1	2.9	16.2
68	43	Wardell Roberts	55	70	..	..	..	..
30	21	Walpac	24	28	+1	0.7	2.7	10.8
58	36	Wentworth	33	38	r ..	2.3	6.4	9.6
250	80	Whitney Mackay	112	122	-1	5.7	4.9	14.4
89	36	Williams (Rex) Hldgs	39	41	..	0.7	1.8	36.0
157	75	Wood John D & Co	75	85	-5	5.3	6.6	8.4
170	98	Woolsons Better	140	147	● ..	6.4	4.4	24.1
155	90	Wild of Leather	117	127	-3	4.3	3.5	18.9
215	145	Wyevale	198	208	..	4.8	2.4	21.1
78	68	Wyko	73	78	..	3.7	4.9	12.3
43	23	Yelverton	34	37	r +1	..	..	32.7
80	38	Yorks Txt Gp	38	43	+3	2.7	6.8	4.5
193	158	Young Group	185	190	..	8.7	4.5	10.5
78	1½	Zurich Group	38	43	-2	2.7	8.8	..
122	88	Zygal Dynamics	113	117	..	2.7	2.3	15.9

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1988 High	1988 Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
114	63	ASB Barratt	80	87	+3	..	..	..
38	14	Aberdeen Pet	14	16	..	..	..	..
41½	11	Amercoeur	10	13	r ..	..	..	..
85	58	Antares Res	65	68	+1	..	..	..
105	57	Beckenham	92	97	..	2.3	2.4	27.9
230	152	Broadcast	189	197	-1	..	..	20.6
145	85	Chelsea Art	85	95	..	1.0	1.1	10.7
65	28	Charnos Ind	42	47	-3	..	..	..
105	65	Comtec	68	70	..	..	..	7.3
160	120	Crown Eye	135	145	-5	..	..	16.1
16	5	Egmont	4½	6	-½	..	..	..
143	50	Far E Res	46	53	..	..	..	..
30	78	Hickson	73	78	..	..	..	12.7
41	20	Honorbilt	24	28	..	..	..	24.8
31	13	Intl Comms	12	15	..	..	..	..
56	36	Kemp (PE)	33	38	..	2.0	5.8	8.7
99	58	LCW	90	95	-3	..	..	19.8
103	68	Leading Lsr	83	88	..	1.7	2.0	17.3
65	12	Lynx Group	16	20	..	..	..	5.9
147	80	Medrace	82	85	..	..	..	..
38	9	Norton Gp	9	10½	r ..	..	..	..
50	36	Pennine Optical	37	40	-1	..	..	10.5
83	60	Rentaminster	60	62	..	..	..	..
237	150	Royal Sovereign	190	200	-3	6.4	3.3	12.1
118	68	Seacon	93	96	..	1.3	1.4	..
313	200	Talara	285	300	..	1.3	0.4	40.7
135	105	UPL	107	117	● ..	3.2	2.9	14.9
182	120	Unit Group	142	152	r ..	8.7	4.6	8.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1988 High	1988 Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
854	711	Alliance	795	800	+1	37.7	4.7	28.7
136½	103	Amer Trust	123	124	+¼	4.2	3.8	27.1
219	172	Ang & O'seas	206	207	+½	5.1	2.5	46.7
78	60	Bankers	68	70	+1	2.3b	3.3	45.4
70½	60½	Br Assets	65½	67	● ..	3.6	5.4	22.1
42½	34	Br Empire Sec	39½	41	●+½	0.9	2.2	..
529	450	Br Inv	510	517	●+2	26.3	5.1	27.6
120	98	Brunner	111	114	..	4.0b	3.5	38.6
65	57	CDFC Tst	58	60	● ..	0.9n	1.5	33.9
93	81½	Do 6% Ln	83	86	+¼	65.0	7.7	..
865	815	Cont & Ind	850	865	..	66.7	7.8	16.4
177	147	Derby Inc	175	178	..	14.9	8.4	16.3
200	136	Do Cap	130	145	..	..	..	..
482	403	Drayton Cons	456	460	●+1	17.6	3.8	35.1
298	191	Drayton Far East	280	295	+2	2.0	0.7	..
356	240	Dundee Lon	288	290	..	11.7	4.0	32.0
182	137	Edinburgh	152½	153½	..	7.2b	4.7	37.1
84	63	Electric Gen	78	80	..	2.3	2.9	44.6
244	153	English Intl	238	241	● ..	6.6b	2.8	50.8
107	93	English Scot	89	101	..	2.4	2.4	49.3
76	66	Ensign	72	74	● ..	1.6	2.2	57.5
233	148	F & C Eurotrust	214	216	●-2	2.7	1.3	..
144	90	F & C Pacific	136	138	+1	1.6	1.2	..
73	55	F & C Smaller	67	68	..	1.5	2.2	52.7
15	10½	First Charlotte	11	12	..	0.1	0.9	..
402	358	First Scot Amer	378	382	-1	20.0	5.3	26.6
126½	93	Fleming American	105	107	..	1.9	1.8	74.1
256	205	Fleming Claver	237	239	..	8.3	3.5	37.2
133	94	Fleming Enterprise	117	119	..	3.2	2.7	62.8
187	134	Fleming Far East	168	180	● ..	1.2	0.6	..
206	153	Fleming Fledgling	200	203	..	3.5	1.7	77.1
218	156	Fleming Japan	208	210	●+1½	0.9	0.4	28.5
184	156	Fleming Mercantile	172	173	..	5.6	3.2	41.6
164	129	Fleming Overseas	152	153	..	3.6	2.4	57.8
187	156	Fleming Tech	157	159	-1	2.0	1.3	..
152	120	Fleming Universal	147	148	●+½	2.8	1.9	88.9
117½	90	For Col	108	108½	+1½	2.9b	2.7	52.3
316	220	GT Japan	304	307	+2	1.9	0.6	..
83	50	General Cons Cap	63	67	..	..	..	..
111	73	Do Inc	103	105	..	9.6b	9.2	..
147	125	Globe (x)	135	136	● ..	6.2	4.6	28.4
137½	105½	Govett Atlantic	115	117	●+½	4.2b	3.6	35.2
304	198	Govett Oriental	295	297	●+2	1.9	0.6	..
248	208	Govett Strategy	214	217	● ..	5.7	2.6	38.0
335	272	Greenfriar	295	300	..	3.3	1.1	75.6
476	385	Gresham House	410	440	-10	8.7	2.0	46.9
225	184½	Hambros	203	205	● ..	7.3	3.6	36.1
148	120	Invest in Success	122	127	..	2.7	2.2	38.0
357	306	Inv Cap	340	345	● ..	21.3b	6.2	22.5
145	111	Ivory & Sime	125	133	..	7.7	6.0	15.3
123	105	Kleinwort Charter	118½	120	+¼	3.9	3.3	37.7
134	102	Kleinwort O'seas	125	127	+1	3.5	2.8	48.5
161	138	Kleinwort Smaller	151	154	+1	4.4	2.9	50.5
297	243	Law Debenture	291	294	..	12.0	4.1	27.1
58½	44	Lon Amer Venture	46	47½	..	0.6	1.3	82.5
123	95	Lon Merchant Sec	96	102	..	4.0	4.0	16.8
158	133	Merchants	149½	151	+1	7.8	5.2	28.1
16⅞	11⅞	Merrill Lynch	13⅝	-	..	..	..	..
185	162	Murray Income	175½	176	-¼	10.8b	6.1	24.6
188½	149½	Murray Intl	174	175	+½	7.3	4.2	33.4
183	128	Murray Small	156	158	● ..	2.6	1.8	71.0
285	228	Murray Venture	278	281	-1	8.0	2.9	44.0
103	90	Nesbrog Inc 83	97	99	● ..	7.7	7.9	16.5
158	121	New Tokyo	148	149	..	..	..	..
28	18	Nth Sea Assets	21	23	+1	..	..	..
375	306	Nthn Amer	356	359	+1	8.3	2.3	51.3
195	140	O'seas Inv Tst	175	178	●+1	2.5	1.4	..
139	97	Pacific Assets	124	126	+2	1.1	0.9	..
48	40	Personal Assets	41	43	..	1.3	3.1	37.2
82	75½	RIT Cap Prtnrs	78	81	..	1.2	1.5	..
529	415	Raeburn	506	513	-2	23.3	4.5	29.0
61	47	River & Merc	43	47	..	..	..	..
270	237	Robeco	259		+1	..	..	..
256	215	Rolinco	233		..	..	..	..
387	265	Romney	378	385	-1	8.7b	1.8	97.0
16½	15½	Rorento	16¾		..	..	..	..
187	155	St Andrew Inv Tst	183	185	..	6.0	3.3	40.9
232	171	Schroder Global	225	228	+1	6.1	2.7	45.5
133	110	Scottish	123½	124½	● ..	4.3	3.5	39.1
85½	79	Scot American	88½	89½	●+½	2.4b	3.8	42.8
133½	113	Scot Eastern	125½	126½	..	3.3	2.6	51.0
118	86	Scot Merc 'A'	84	87	-2	6.1	7.1	19.0
107½	90	Scot Mtge	96½	98	..	3.2b	3.3	39.2
760	665	Second Alliance	702	705	+2	30.7	4.4	30.1
110	96	Secs Tst of Scotland	102	103	●+¼	5.9b	5.8	27.5
118	91	Smaller Cos	108	112	● ..	3.0	2.7	74.3
59	50	Sphere Inv	49	52	+1	2.8	5.5	..
230	152	Steel Burrill	205	210	●+1	13.3	6.4	13.0
127	81	TR Australia	111	115	●+1	4.7b	4.2	36.7
77½	67	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	74	75½	..	3.7	4.9	28.2
130	103	TR Ind & Gen	127	130	●+1	3.2	2.5	58.4
67½	52	TR Pacific	53½	54	..	..	..	..
54½	40½	TR Property	52½	53	● ..	1.2	2.3	50.7
60	50	TR Tech Inv	49	51	..	1.3	3.8	..
133½	108	TR Trustees	122½	123½	..	3.1	2.5	67.6
222	194	Temple Bar	205	208	..	11.2b	5.4	28.7
435	376	Throgmorton	375	377	-1	15.8	4.2	31.0
345	265	Throg Dual	270	280	..	..	..	..
176	151	Tribune	162	165	..	..	..	..
93	80	Triplevest Inc	80	82	..	4.9	3.0	44.1
123	104	USDC Investment	111	114	+2	20.9	25.8	5.6
56	48	Value Inc Tst	52	54	● ..	3.1	2.7	68.5
54	46½	Viking Resources	47	48	+1	2.1	4.0	29.1
131	83	Westpool	118	123	+1	2.4	2.0	41.0
117½	103	Witan	105½	107	●+1½	3.7	3.5	37.6

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 78.8 (day's range 78.7-78.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for December 6

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8665-1.8695	1.8665-1.8675	0.54-0.53pr	1.58-1.56pr
Montrl	2.2164-2.2237	2.2174-2.2214	0.44-0.38pr	0.87-0.78pr
Amstrdm	3.6314-3.6426	3.6387-3.6426	2½-2⅛pr	6⅝-6⅛pr
Brussels	67.45-67.73	67.51-67.73	38-33pr	103-93pr
Copnhgn	12.4188-12.4357	12.4186-12.4310	5⅜-5pr	15⅜-14⅞pr
Dublin	1.2019-1.2077	1.2048-2058	61-58pr	156-145pr
Frankft	3.2216-3.2326	3.2290-3.2326	2⅛-2⅛pr	6⅛-6pr
Lisbon	226.26-267.55	266.26-267.33	15pr-30ds	4-106ds
Madrid	209.66-210.45	209.70-210.37	53-36pr	98-76pr
Milan	2381.86-2386.66	2383.52-2386.86	3pr-par	8-4pr
Oslo	11.9979-12.0233	11.9979-12.0099	1⅞-1⅝pr	4⅞-3⅞pr
Paris	11.0083-11.0369	11.0254-11.0369	4⅝-4⅜pr	13⅝-12⅝pr
Stckhlm	11.1925-11.2274	11.2171-11.2274	2⅝-2⅜pr	7⅝-7pr
Tokyo	226.47-227.16	226.78-227.09	1⅞-1⅝pr	4⅞-4⅝pr
Vienna	22.84-22.88	22.85-22.68	15⅝-14⅝pr	43⅝-41pr
Zurich	2.6976-2.7079	2.7046-2.7079	1⅝-1⅜pr	5⅝-5⅜pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	28.943-29.103
Australia dollar	2.1174-2.1210
Bahrain dinar	0.7025-0.7065
Brazil cruzado*	1136.62-1144.75
Cyprus pound	0.8450-0.8550
Finland marka	7.5950-7.6350
Greece drachma	267.25-269.25
Hong Kong dollar	14.5493-14.5591
India rupee	27.84-28.04
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5200-0.5240
Malaysia ringgit	n/a
Mexico peso	4198-4298
New Zealand dollar	2.8539-2.8599
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.9925-7.0325
Singapore dollar	3.62-3.63
S Africa rand (fin)	6.7315-6.8588
S Africa rand (com)	4.2350-4.2411
U A E dirham	6.8450-6.8850

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5480-1.5495	Denmark	6.6500-6.6550	Italy	1276.0-1277.0
Singapore	1.9410-1.9420	W Germany	1.7275-1.7285	Belgium (Com)	36.15-36.18
Malaysia	n/a	Switzerland	1.4475-1.4482	Hong Kong	7.7950-7.7960
Australia	1.1344-1.1357	Netherlands	1.9485-1.9495	Portugal	142.80-143.30
Canada	1.1885-1.1895	France	5.8975-5.9025	Spain	112.32-112.42
Sweden	5.9980-6.0030	Japan	121.50-121.60	Austria	12.12-12.13
Norway	6.4300-6.4350				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 13 Finance Hse 12½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 13 Low 11 Week fixed: 12⅞
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 12²³⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 12²¹⁄₃₂
Selling: 2 mth – 12²¹⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 12¹⁹⁄₃₂
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 12¹³⁄₁₆-11¹⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 12²³⁄₃₂-12⅞ 3 mth: 12¹¹⁄₁₆-12⅞ 6 mth 12⁷⁄₁₆-⅝
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 13⁷⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 13¹¹⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 13⁵⁄₁₆ 6 mth 13¹⁄₁₆
Interbank (%) Overnight: open 13 close 12½
1 week: 12⅞-13⁄₁₆ 1 mth: 13-12⅞ 3 mth: 13⅛-13⅜
6 mth: 13⁵⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 13⁵⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 13-12¹⁵⁄₁₆
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 12⅞ 7 day: 12⅞ 1 mth: 13
3 mth: 13⅛ 6 mth: 13³⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 13
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 12⅞-12 2 mth: 12⅞-12 3 mth: 12⅞-12⅞
6 mth: 12⅞-12⅞ 9 mth: 12⅞-12⅞ 12 mth: 12⅞-12⅞
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 12¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆
3 mth: 13³⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆ 6 mth: 13⅛-13 12 mth 12¹³⁄₁₆-12⅞
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 9.55-9.50
3 mth: 9.35-9.30 6 mth: 9.35-9.30 12 mth 9.40-9.35

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8⅝-8⅜	9⅛-8⅞	9⅛-8⅞	9⅛-8⅞
Call: 8½-7½				
Deutschemark:	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	5⅛-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝
Call: 4⅞-3⅞				
French Franc:	7¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	8⅛-8	8⁵⁄₁₆-8³⁄₁₆	8⁷⁄₁₆-8⁵⁄₁₆
Call: 7⅞-6⅞				
Swiss Franc:	4⅞-4⅞	5⅛-5	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	4⅞-4⅞
Call: 4-3				
Yen:	4⅛-4	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛
Call: 3⅞-2⅞				

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $428.50-429.00 Close: $427.00-427.50
High: $429.00-429.50 Low: $426.75-427.25

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $440.00-445.00 (£235.00-238.00)
Krugerrand: $426.00-429.00 (£228.00-230.00)
Mapleleaf (1/1oz): $440.00-445.00 (£235.00-238.00)
American Eagles: $440.00-445.00 (£235.00-238.00)
New Sovereigns: $100.50-101.50 (£53.75-54.50)
Old Sovereigns: $100.50-101.50 (£53.75-54.50)
Platinum: $602.25 (£322.40)
Palladium: $128.75 (£68.90)
Silver: $6.12-6.14 (£3.2775-3.2925)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Nov 30, 1988. Agreed rates Dec 26, 1988 to Jan 24, 1989. Scheme I: 13.27 per cent. Schemes II & III: 13.61 per cent. Reference rate Nov 1, 1988 to Nov 30, 1988. Scheme IV & V: 12.251 per cent.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 17052		
Dec 88	178.90	179.20	177.20	178.50	3809
Mar 89	179.85	181.10	179.15	180.35	507
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 59827		
Dec 88	86.75	86.82	86.75	86.80	2067
Mar 89	87.01	87.10	87.01	87.08	14290
Jun 89	87.64	87.73	87.63	87.72	509
Sep 89	88.20	88.25	88.15	88.23	183
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 49218		
Dec 88	90.61	90.69	90.61	90.67	1165
Mar 89	90.77	90.82	90.77	90.81	4212
Jun 89	90.77	90.80	90.76	90.80	577
Sep 89	90.70	90.72	90.70	90.74	100
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 8549		
Dec 88	8804	8817	8802	8817	685
Mar 89	8722	8804	8722	8804	2484
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 37430		
Dec 88	9500	9510	9429	9509	1981
Mar 89	9518	9529	9514	9526	17677
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 1051		
Dec 88	108.73	108.74	108.73	108.74	4
Mar 89	108.02	108.20	108.00	108.17	393
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 9956		
Dec 88	96.60	97.00	96.60	96.86	2378
Mar 89	95.82	96.01	95.82	95.96	4777
Jun 89	95.32	95.35	95.32	95.38	57

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

The only optimistic factor in a dull market was the news that Saudi production for last week decreased slightly. Product markets continued largely inactive and prices were softer across the barrel.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	14.40	-30
15 day Dec	14.35	-35
15 day Jan	14.05	-30
WTI Jan	15.30	-25
WTI Feb	15.00	-30

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	-2	177-180	-1
Gasoil EEC		148-150	
Non 1H Jan	-1	138-139	-1
Non 1H Feb	-2	134-135	-2
3.5 Fuel Oil	-1	67-68	-2
Naphtha	-1	134-136	-1

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL G W Joynson

Dec	142.00-41.75
Jan	138.50-38.25
Feb	135.00-34.75
Mar	131.00-30.75
Apr	127.50-27.00
May	125.75-25.50
Jun	124.75-24.50
Vol	6238

BRENT G W Joynson

Jan	14.10-14.09
Feb	13.93-13.90
Vol	2522

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

Dec 88	Hi 1486-1480	Low	Close 1480
Jan 89	Hi 1505-1500	Low	Close 1503
Apr 89	Hi 1543-1540	Low	Close 1543
Jul 89	Hi 1342-1340	Low	Close 1340

Vol 129 lots Open interest 2833
Dry cargo index 1487 –1 on 5/12/88

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	60.0	60.0
Apr	95.7	96.0
May	111.0	111.6
Nov	85.5	85.5

Vol 67

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson
Dec 840-838 Sep 860-859
Mar 860-858 Dec 882-880
May 859-858 Mar 881-888
Jul 860-859 Vol 4524

COFFEE G W Joynson
Jan 1100-1099 Sep 1078-1077
Mar 1094-1093 Nov 1080-1070
May 1080-1078 Jan 1090-1050
Jul 1078-1076 Vol 3773

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 3050
Mar 251.4-51.6 Oct 232.2-32.4
May 245.4-45.8 Dec 223.0-31.0
Aug 237.6-37.8 Mar 220.0-26.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 228
Ja 109.65 Mr 113.40 My 116.70
Jn 118.40 Sp 101.80 Nv 104.40

BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 115
Ja 106.95 Mr 110.25 My 112.00
Sp 99.15 Nv 102.15 Ja 105.15

SOYABEAN
Dec 157.5-56.0 Aug 151.0-47.0
Feb 162.5-61.0 Oct 150.0-46.0
Apr 162.5-61.0 Dec 150.0-40.0
Jun 154.0-52.0 Vol 32

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1920.0-1921.0	1660.0-1661.0	497700	Firmer
Copper Stand	1840.0-1860.0	1800.0-1820.0	Nil	Quiet
Lead	395.00-396.00	389.00-389.50	56725	Steadier
Zinc Hi Gde*	1588.0-1590.0	1525.0-1527.0	50000	Brly Stdy
Silver Large†	611.00-614.00	625.00-628.00	44	Quiet
Silver Small†	611.00-614.00	625.00-628.00	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium	1275.0-1276.0	1260.0-1262.0	59450	Quiet
Aluminium Hi*	2475.0-2480.0	2385.0-2390.0	156375	Firm
Nickel*	14900-15000	13450-13500	6996	Steady

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (p/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	95.5	99.8
Apr	99.8	100.0
Jun	101.3	101.5
Aug	99.8	99.8

Live Cattle Contract

Jan	116.5	116.5
Feb	117.5	117.5
Apr	118.0	118.0

Vol Pig-20 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on December 6

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	80.39	174.36	114.79
GB (+/-)	+1.41	*+3.63	+0.57
Eng/Wal (%)	+1.7	-8.5	-1.6
Eng/Wal (p)	80.21	173.60	112.71
Eng/Wal (+/-)	+1.44	+3.3	+0.12
Scotland (%)	-13.1	-18.5	-0.3
Scotland (p)	80.66	176.79	118.53
Scotland (+/-)	+0.77	+4.71	+0.81

* Estimated dead carcase weight

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Technical rally

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 28. Dealings end December 9. §Contango day December 12. Settlement day December 19. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Bailey (Ben) Constr	Building,Roads	
2	Arncliffe	Building,Roads	
3	Plessey (aa)	Electricals	
4	Worcester	Industrials S-Z	
5	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	Tobaccos	
6	Speyhawk	Property	
7	Raine Ind	Building,Roads	
8	Tunstall	Electricals	
9	Delta	Industrials A-D	
10	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
11	Broken Hill	Industrials A-D	
12	Avis Europe	Industrials A-D	
13	Whessoe	Industrials S-Z	
14	Rank Org (aa)	Industrials L-R	
15	Davy	Industrials A-D	
16	Adscene	Newspapers,Pub	
17	Vinten	Industrials S-Z	
18	TNT	Industrials S-Z	
19	Cowie (T)	Motors,Aircraft	
20	Helical Bar	Property	
21	Diploma	Industrials A-D	
22	Bus Mortgage	Banks,Discount	
23	AB Elect	Electricals	
24	Garton Eng	Industrials E-K	
25	Hazlewood Foods	Foods	
26	Fletcher King	Property	
27	Sainsbury (J) (aa)	Foods	
28	Estates Gen	Property	
29	Tomkinsons	Textiles	
30	BICC (aa)	Electricals	
31	Barr (AG)	Foods	
32	STC (aa)	Electricals	
33	Charter Cons	Industrials A-D	
34	Jourdan (Thomas)	Industrials E-K	
35	Scott & Robertson	Industrials S-Z	
36	Morgan Crucible	Industrials L-R	
37	Lawrence (Walter)	Building,Roads	
38	Wolseley	Industrials S-Z	
39	Reckitt Colman (aa)	Industrials L-R	
40	Hopkinsons	Industrials E-K	
41	Avon Rubber	Industrials A-D	
42	Priest Marians	Property	
43	Havelock Europa	Industrials E-K	
44	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

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DAILY DIVIDEND £4,000
Claims required for 38 points

ACCUMULATOR £40,000
Claims better than 38 points

Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BRITISH FUNDS

1988 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)								
102½	99½	Treas	11¾%	1989	99¾	..	11.6	12.822
102½	94	Treas	10½%	1989	99	• ..	10.5	12.415
102	98½	Exch	10%	1989	98¾	..	10.1	12.419
104¼	84¼	Exch	10½%	1989	98¾	..	10.3	11.605
103½	94½	Exch	11%	1989	99	..	11.1	12.202
97½	92½	Treas	5%	1986-89	95¾	..	5.25	11.002
101¼	94	Treas C	9½%	1989	98½	..	9.6	12.715
97½	95½	Treas	3%	1989	97	+¼	3.0	10.512
102½	95½	Treas	8%	1990	96¾	+¼	8.2	10.102
107½	101½	Treas	13%	1990	101¾	+¼	12.8	11.497
104¾	88	Exch	11%	1990	99¾	+¼	11.0	11.418
107½	100¾	Exch	12½%	1990	101	+¼	12.3	11.542
93¾	89¼	Treas	3%	1990	91¾	+¼	3.2	10.026
99½	92½	Treas	8¼%	1987-90	95½	• ..	8.6	11.574
103¾	93½	Treas	10%	1990	97¾	+¼	10.2	11.366
91½	77½	Exch	2½%	1990	87¾	+¼	2.8	9.577
105¾	84½	Treas C	10%	1991	98¾	•+¼	10.1	10.688
107¼	94¾	Treas	11¾%	1991	100¾	•+¼	11.6	11.324
95¾	87½	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	88¾	+¼	6.4	10.849
107½	95½	Exch	11%	1991	99¾	+¼	11.0	11.158
90½	85½	Treas	3%	1991	88¾	..	3.4	9.535
98½	90½	Treas	8%	1991	92¾	•+¼	8.6	11.115
113¾	104½	Treas	12¾%	1992	104¾	+¼	12.1	10.854
104¾	97½	Treas	10%	1992	97½	+¼	10.2	10.917
109¾	95½	Treas C	10½%	1992	98¾	+¼	10.6	10.860
85½	82½	Treas	3%	1992	83½	• ..	3.6	8.935
98½	88½	Treas	9%	1992	92	+¼	9.8	10.882
112½	103¾	Exch	12¼%	1992	105¾	+¼	11.7	10.922
117½	107½	Exch	13½%	1992	107¾	..	..	10.870
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS								
97½	91	Treas	8¼%	1993	91¾	+¼	8.9	10.717
105¾	93½	Treas	10%	1993	97¾	+¼	10.2	10.832
115¾	105½	Treas	12¼%	1993	105¾	+¼	11.7	10.738
93	85½	Fund	6%	1993	88¾	..	6.8	9.240
121¾	107¾	Treas	13¾%	1993	111¾	+¼	12.3	10.773
101¾	80½	Treas	8¾%	1994	91¾	+¼	9.3	10.712
94¾	90½	Treas	8½%	1994 a	91¾	..	..	..
125¾	114¾	Treas	14½%	1994	115	+¼	12.6	10.693
116¾	105¾	Exch	12½%	1994	107¾	+¼	11.6	10.771
120¾	105	Exch	13½%	1994	110¾	+¼	12.1	10.775
101¾	91¼	Treas	9%	1994	93¾	+¼	9.5	10.405
105¾	95½	Treas	10%	1994	97¾	•+¼	10.2	10.514
114¼	105½	Treas	12%	1995	105¾	+¼	11.3	10.701
83¾	78	Gas	3%	1990-95	79	..	3.70	8.730
106¾	98	Exch	10¼%	1995	98¾	+¼	10.3	10.552
120¾	107¾	Treas	12¾%	1995	110¾	+¼	11.5	10.531
125¾	115¾	Treas	14%	1996	116¾	+¼	12.0	10.618
101¾	93½	Treas	9%	1992-96	94¾	+¼	9.5	10.145
133¾	117¾	Treas	15¾%	1996	123¾	+¼	12.3	10.532
123¾	110¾	Exch	13¼%	1996	114	+¼	11.6	10.442
105¾	95½	Conv	10%	1996	98¾	+¼	10.1	10.320
124¾	114¾	Treas	13¼%	1997	115¾	+¼	11.4	10.387
108¾	97½	Exch	10½%	1997	100¾	+¼	10.3	10.291
98½	91½	Treas	8¾%	1997	92¾	+¼	9.4	10.114
134¾	118¾	Exch	15%	1997	125¾	+¼	11.9	10.510
87¾	79¾	Treas	6¾%	1995-98	82¾	+¼	8.2	9.693
104	96¼	Exch	9¾%	1998	97¾	+¼	10.0	10.221
140¾	124¾	Treas	15½%	1998	130¾	+¼	11.8	10.394
118¾	107	Exch	12%	1998	110¾	+¼	10.8	10.274
103¾	95¾	Treas	9½%	1999	97	+¼	9.7	9.939
120¾	111¾	Exch	12¼%	1999	112¾	+¼	10.8	10.249
108¾	89¾	Treas	10½%	1999	102¾	+¼	10.2	10.097
107½	98	Conv	10¼%	1999	100¾	+¼	10.1	10.077
100¾	86¾	Treas	8½%	2000	90¾	+¼	9.3	9.869
128¾	117¾	Treas	13%	2000	118¾	+¼	10.9	10.227
99¾	92¾	Conv	9%	2000	93¾	+¼	9.6	9.884
106¾	98¾	Treas	10%	2001	100¾	+¼	9.9	9.936
104¾	97¾	Conv	9¾%	2001	98¾	+¼	9.8	9.890
129¾	118¾	Treas	14%	1998 ..	120¾	+¼	11.5	10.452
99¾	91¾	Exch	9%	2002	94¾	+¼	9.5	9.741
107	94¾	Conv	10%	2002	101	+¼	9.8	9.845
118¾	109¾	Exch	12%	1999 ..	110¾	+¼	10.8	10.284
105¾	97¾	Treas	9¾%	2002	99¾	+¼	9.7	9.792
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS								
108	100½	Treas	10%	2003	102¾	+¼	9.7	9.687
131¾	122¾	Treas	13¾%	2000 ..	123	+¼	11.1	10.277
117¾	108¾	Treas	11½%	2001 ..	109¾	+¼	10.4	10.048
108	100½	Treas	10%	2004	103	+¼	9.7	9.615
59¾	54½	Fund	3½%	1999 ..	58¾	+¼	5.9	8.267
104¾	93½	Conv	9½%	2004	99¾	+¼	9.5	9.536
104¾	93¾	Conv	9½%	2005	100	+¼	9.5	9.503
113¾	105¾	Exch	10½%	2005	108¾	+¼	9.8	9.489
127¾	118½	Treas	12½%	2003 ..	121¾	+¼	10.3	9.757
92	82½	Treas	8%	2002 ..	88¾	+¼	9.0	9.386
106¾	95½	Conv	9½%	2006	102¾	+¼	9.4	9.403
121½	112½	Treas	11¾%	2003 ..	114½	+¼	10.2	9.760
97	89½	Treas	8½%	2007	93¾	+¼	9.1	9.258
137½	127½	Treas	13½%	2004 ..	130¾	+¼	10.3	9.657
101½	91½	Treas	9%	2008	98¾	+¼	9.1	9.158
92½	85	Treas	8%	2009	89¾	+¼	8.9	9.142
101½	92½	Conv	9%	2011	99¾	•+¼	9.0	9.055
68½	62½	Treas	5½%	2008-12	67	+¼	8.1	8.829
89½	82½	Treas	7¾%	2012-15	87¾	+¼	8.6	8.974
131¾	121½	Exch	12%	2013-17	129¾	•+¼	9.2	9.038
UNDATED								
44½	41	Consols	4%		44	..	8.9	—
40¾	37¾	War Ln	3½%		39¾	..	8.8	—
62½	58½	Conv	3½%		61¾	..	5.5	—
33½	30½	Treas	3%		32¾	..	9.1	—
29½	26½	Consols	2½%		27½	• ..	8.9	—
28½	26	Treas	2½%		27¾	..	8.0	—
INDEX-LINKED								
124¾	117½	Treas IL	2%	1990	124			
105¾	99	Treas IL	2%	1992	104¾			
98¾	92½	Treas IL	2%	1994	95½			
142	127¾	Treas IL	2%	1996	140¾			
121½	103¾	Treas IL	2½%	2001	119¾			
118¾	101¾	Treas IL	2½%	2003	116¾			
120½	110	Treas IL	2%	2006	118¾			
113½	95¾	Treas IL	2½%	2009	111¾			
118	99¾	Treas IL	2½%	2011	115¾			
97½	82½	Treas IL	2½%	2013	95¾			
105¾	88½	Treas IL	2½%	2016	104¾			
103½	87½	Treas IL	2½%	2020	102¾			
87¾	73	Treas IL	2½%	2024	86¾			

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	188	Allied Irish	240	243	•+2	..	..	..
214	155	Anglo Leasing	205	212	•+2	5.3	2.5	11.0
90	64	Ansbacher (Henry)	80	83	..	2.7	3.3	35.0
259	134	Aus New Z	249	253	+2	..	..	..
10¼	5½	Bamamerica	9⅞	..	+⅛	..	..	..
274	184	Bank of Ireland	238	243	•+3	..	..	..
18½	16	Bank Leumi Israel	16	19	..	..	..	..
350	346	Bank Leumi UK	340	360	..	16.8	4.8	11.5
399	334	Bank of Scotland	361	364	..	17.5	4.8	8.4
65	45	Bank Of Wales	58	65	..	3.7	6.0	8.9
463	392	Barclays (aa)	407	410	+1	27.9	6.8	20.1
39	26	Benchmark	29	29	..	2.2	7.0	16.0
435	330	Brown Shipley	335	345	•-2	14.0	4.1	12.7
71	45	Bus Mortgage	53	63	+3	..	..	..
394	318	Cater Allen	335	343	• ..	30.0	8.8	11.7
71	54	Cattles	59	56	-3	3.7	6.5	10.7
270	175	Chancery	210	220	•-3	8.9	4.1	12.6
18½	11¼	Chase Manhattan	14⅛	..	..	..	..	..
15¼	9½	Citicorp	14	..	..	..	..	..
203	167	Close Bros	185	195	..	8.7	3.5	17.8
81½	66½	Commerzbank	73½	..	+1½	..	..	..
176	114½	Deutsche Bank	163⅞	..	+2½	..	..	..
48	34	Equity & Gen	39	42	• ..	1.9	6.1	8.3
272	194	First Nat Finance	221	225	+1	12.3	5.5	7.2
74	41	GPG	47	50	..	2.3	4.7	8.2
340	265	Gerrard Nat	270	280	•-2	24.0	8.7	15.0
134	93	Guinness Mahon	128	131	-1	7.6	1.2	16.1
265	217	Hambros	206	209	+1	12.4	6.0	8.5
57	47	HK Shanghai	40	43	..	3.3	7.9	..
510	413	Joseph (Leopold)	485	500	..	17.8	3.6	20.5
158	110	King & Shaxson	128	133	• ..	12.3	9.4	13.2
407	292	Kleinwort Benson	295	303	•+3	18.7	6.2	7.3
347½	238	Lloyds (aa)	329	331	-1	18.8	5.7	..
57	45	Lon Scot Bk	43	43	..	2.5	6.0	10.9
449	310	Midland (aa)	413	416	-1	28.0	6.7	..
354	236	Morgan Grenfell	307	312	+11	14.5	4.7	28.0
331	148	Nat Aust Bk	311	315	+7	..	..	..
605	422	Nat West (aa)	529	532	+2	33.7	6.3	8.3
363	326	Provident	318	322	..	23.3	7.3	8.8
111	30	Rea Bros	62	67	+1	0.3	0.5	..
183	94	Rothschild (J) Hld	133	156	• ..	10.7	6.8	6.2
380	297	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	349	352	..	20.0	5.7	5.2
10	850	Schroders	850	900	..	22.0	2.5	11.0
526	372	Stand Chart (aa)	475	479	+3	46.7	9.8	..
118½	88	TSB (aa)	105	107	..	6.6	6.2	7.1
595	493	Union Disc	490	500	..	38.4	7.8	11.2
355	275	Warburg SG	282	287	•+2	15.6	5.5	7.6
133	95	Do 6% 'A'	99	102	..	8.0	7.9	..
40½	23	Wells Fargo	35⅛	..	..	..	..	..
458	440	Westrust	435	450	..	9.3	2.1	16.3

BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
499	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	463	465	+3	18.2	3.9	13.0
867	734	Bass (aa)	773	777	-4	26.9	3.5	11.6
66	44	Belhaven	52	55	..	1.0	1.9	21.1
176	127	Boddington	169	172	+2	5.4	3.2	17.7
207	129	Buckleys	151	155	..	0.9	0.6	..
195	147	Bulmer (H P)	148	155	..	8.7	5.7	10.2
155	120	Burtonwood Brew	188	197	• ..	4.3	2.2	20.8
405	332	Clark (Matthew)	398	408	+1	14.7	3.6	11.1
371	292	Devenish (JA)	302	307	+3	4.0	1.3	26.8
290	178	Greenall Whitley	252	258	..	8.3	3.3	14.5
494	433	Greene King	447	453	..	9.9	2.2	20.0
357	271	Guinness (aa)	322	325	+1	12.9	4.0	10.7
910	690	Hardys & Hansons	800	820	..	30.0	3.7	15.1
136	76	Highland Dist	131	135	• ..	3.8	2.9	17.7
475	168	Invergordon Dist	400	406	..	8.3	2.1	24.4
440	125	Irish Dist	375	385	..	..	..	..
169	110	Marston Thompson	164	168	..	4.0	2.4	18.7
683	464	Morland	625	670	• ..	12.1	1.9	11.1
388	250	SA Breweries	265	280	•-5	..	..	..
411	206	Scot & New (aa)	395	398	+1	12.2	3.1	19.6
732	479	Vaux Group	720	727	-1	21.6b	3.0	22.1
318	268	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	286	289	•+3	14.7	5.1	10.7
9⅝	324	Do 'B'	9	10	• ..	14.7	1.5	35.7
437	298	Whitbread Inv	433	440	•+8	12.6	2.9	46.4
458	351	Wolverhmptn & D	438	445	-1	8.2	1.9	18.8
530	345	Young 'A'	495	515	• ..	12.5	2.5	29.5

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	195	Abbey	190	200	..	..	..	7.8
400	315	Amec	338	341	• ..	19.3	5.7	8.6
457	351	Anglia Sec	355	370	+2	3.4	0.9	22.2
54	34	Anglo Utd	38	38	+4	1.3	3.4	18.2
208	99	Arncliffe	145	160	+5	5.3	3.5	9.6
325	247	Aquamode	280	293	..	9.3	3.2	15.2
310	219	BPB Ind (aa)	225	227	+1	12.3	5.4	7.8
320	249	Baggeridge Brick	290	300	+2	5.0	1.7	20.8
107	53	Bailey (Ben) Constr	88	92	•+2	2.9	3.2	7.1
215	154	Barratt Devs	156	158	+1	14.8	9.5	8.3
272	181	Bellway	192	197	• ..	13.3	6.8	6.8
113	83	Bellwinch	92	97	-1	5.8	5.3	7.7
394	203	Berkeley Gp	200	205	-8	4.7	2.3	7.7
122	83	Bett Bros	95	105	..	5.1	5.1	16.1
400	320	Blockleys	310	360	..	8.7	2.9	18.2
474	408	Blue Circle (aa)	432	435	+3	21.3	4.9	10.3
398	318	Boot (Henry)	365	376	-1	20.0	5.4	8.8
235	84	Breedon PLC	108	118	s +1	4.8	4.1	29.8
170	110	Br Dredging	121	126	• ..	8.9	5.6	27.0
157	94	Bryant	96	98	-1	5.7	5.9	6.1
185	112	CALA	130	135	-2	3.7	2.8	9.3
144	110	CRH	124	129	+1	..	..	..
155	104	Calebread Robey	125	135	•-2	5.1	3.9	22.5
388	258	Caradon	318	325	..	12.0	3.7	12.0
140	81	Church Charles	79	83	..	5.3	6.5	6.0
411	195	Conder Grp	390	400	+2	8.7	2.2	13.5
225	112	Copson PLC	175	182	+1	4.0	2.2	22.2
338	259	Costain	292	295	+2	14.0	4.8	12.1
317	202	Countryside	243	252	-1	3.0	1.2	12.2
231	165	Crest Nicholson	163	166	-1	8.3	5.0	8.3
126	73	Crosby James	103	108	..	2.7	2.5	7.5
313	229	Douglas (RM)	285	290	..	5.7b	2.0	14.3
41	23	Edmond Hldgs	34½	36	..	1.5	4.2	18.7
111	78	Erith	92	97	-1	4.4	4.6	12.8
309	175	Federated Hsg	227	232	-1	7.7	3.3	8.4
98	75	Finlan Gp	78	82	..	6.3	7.9	11.4
78	60	Galliford	65	68	+1	4.3	6.4	11.6
285	210	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	260	270	..	3.5	1.3	34.6
815	385	Gleeson (MJ)	595	605	• ..	10.8	1.8	14.2
285	170	Harrison Ind	173	183	-5	9.1	5.1	8.4
128	91	Hewden-Stuart	109	112	•-1	2.9	2.6	11.4
320	254	Heywood Williams	252	256	-1	13.3	5.2	9.3
380	261	Higgs & Hill	305	310	-2	13.3	4.3	9.6
90	67	How Gp	72	77	-2	3.5	4.7	9.5
69	49	Howard Hldgs	47	50	..	1.7	3.6	9.2
202	141	Ibstock Johnsen	143	146	..	6.0	4.1	8.5
183	86½	Jarvis (J) & Sons	148	153	r ..	..	..	..
356	270	Laing (J)	286	290	..	10.7	3.7	8.5
179	109	Lawrence (Walter)	111	114	•+3	7.3	6.5	7.1
38	38	Lilley (FJC)	49	50	• ..	..	..	57.8
280	195	Lovell (YJ)	203	207	..	7.0	3.4	10.1
262	184½	Magnet (aa)	187	189	-1	9.7	5.2	11.2
224	147	Mandera	215	220	..	7.8	3.5	24.3
180	128	Marley	142	..	+4	7.3	5.1	10.1
283	223	Marshalls (Halifax)	228	232	..	10.0	4.3	11.3
133	79	Meunders (J)	90	95	+3	4.2	4.5	7.7
509	295	McAlpine (Alfred)	301	305	+8	21.5	7.1	6.1
497	351	McCarthy & S	347	355	-3	5.7	1.6	10.8
429	341	Meyer Int	366	368	•-1	14.8	4.0	9.8
248	58	Miller (Stanley)	170	175	-5	2.0	1.2	..
438	339	Mowlem (John)	338	342	• ..	23.7	7.0	8.9
105	67	NSM	85	89	..	..	..	..
18½	10¼	Newarthill	17½	18½	..	18.7	1.0	45.2
185	184	Newman Tonks	183	186	..	10.5	6.4	12.0
184	109	Persimmon	138	140	..	8.0	4.3	11.4
126	87	Phoenix Timber	85	90	..	3.3	3.8	11.0
11	715	Pochins	9⅝	10⅛	• ..	23.3	2.5	11.4
194	172	Prowting	172	175	•-3	4.5	2.6	10.7
520	433	RMC Gp (aa)	479	482	..	16.1	3.3	9.7
111	73	Raine Ind	76	79	•+4	4.0	4.1	9.1
450	385	Redland (aa)	401	403	•+3	17.1	4.3	8.4
285	125	Roberold	275	278	..	5.9	2.1	20.1
148	111	Rugby Group	130	131	+1	6.2	4.8	11.7
312	173	Sharpe & Fisher	278	288	+1	5.3	1.9	18.9
153	111	Smart (J)	127	132	• ..	7.7	5.9	11.9
352	278	Steetley	315	318	+1	13.3	4.2	11.3
284	211	Tarmac (aa)	214	216	+1	10.3	4.8	9.4
350	89	Tay Homes	94	99	s ..	3.8	3.7	6.2
636	351	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	597	600	-1	14.7	2.5	22.2
403	233	Tilbury Group	342	352	-3	12.8	3.7	11.3
300	215	Travis Perkins	232	242	-5	7.2	3.0	11.3
340	189	Tustil	287	295	•+1	12.1	4.2	13.2
185	111	Vibroplant	150	155	..	3.6	2.4	11.7
192	135	Ward Group	175	185	-2	6.1	3.4	14.3
181	92	Ward Hldgs	90	97	..	3.2	3.4	6.0
335	281	Watts Blake	318	327	-2	8.8	2.7	15.3
267	202	Westbury	218	223	•-1	9.0	4.1	9.0
262	151	Wiggins	217	224	..	10.0	4.5	10.0
260	143	Wilson Bowden	199	203	..	6.5	3.2	11.2
205	143	Wilson (Connolly)	140	145	-2	3.3	2.3	10.9
268	219	Wimpey G (aa)	244	246	+½	10.3	4.2	10.3
129	95	YRM	92	100	..	4.0	4.2	8.3

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
144	106	Allied Colloids	110	112	-3	3.1	2.8	12.4
627	441	Amersham	515	520	•-1	13.7	2.6	16.7
159	126	BTP	131	138	+1	8.3	6.1	14.3
95½	79¾	Bayer DM50	92⅛	..	+⅛	..	..	..
201	148	Blagden	155	161	+3	10.5	6.6	11.7
165	118	Brent Chems	123	126	..	7.1b	5.7	11.3
243	169	Canning (W)	210	214	-1	7.3	3.4	10.8
343	285	Coalite	323	325	-3	13.1	4.0	10.4
258	238	Coates Bros	265	280	• ..	10.5	3.8	9.4
213	173	Croda	179	181	•+1	12.5	6.9	11.8
184	138	Ellis & Everard	165	170	..	7.5	4.5	12.3
34	21	European Colour	21	24½	-½	1.2	5.0	26.1
192	152	Evode	172	176	..	6.2	3.6	14.5
275	208	Foseco	240	242	•+2	15.1	6.3	10.7
265	228	Halstead (James)	243	248	+1	11.0	4.5	8.9
248	133	Hickson	200	202	r -3	8.3	4.1	13.2
99½	79¾	Hoechst DM50	92⅛	..	+⅛	..	..	..
11⅞	947	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	965	970	-2	57.3	5.9	8.2
439	350	Laporte (aa)	380	382	+1	16.8	4.4	11.8
257	157	Leigh	218	223	-1	7.8	3.5	18.2
9⅛	5¾	Norsk Hydro	9	..	..	..	..	..
183	131	Plysu	157	162	..	3.1	1.9	17.3
295	235	Rentokil	270	320	..	5.8	2.0	28.3
223	173	Reedcock Hldgs	212	214	-1	4.7	2.2	18.7
171	100	Sutcliffe Speakman	112	117	..	2.7	2.3	13.7
345	270	Wolstenholme Rink	385	420	+3	18.3	4.0	12.3
275	213	Yorkshire Chem	242	244	+2	10.7	4.4	10.7
141	108	Yule Catto	110	115	..	4.5	4.0	13.0

DRAPERY, STORES

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
403	324	Alexon	325	327	+1	12.7	3.9	10.3
78	21	Amber Day	40½	41½	..	..	..	43.2
94	62	Aquascutum 'A'	60	63	•-2	4.0	6.5	11.3
136	97	Ashley (Laura)	95	98	•-2	3.1	3.2	13.9
385	330	Austin Reed	355	370	-5	11.3	3.1	20.2
171	118	Beattie (James) 'A'	153	157	..	5.5	3.5	15.2
282	149	Bentalls	165	168	..	4.3	2.6	24.8
24½	10½	Blacks Leis	10½	11	• ..	0.2	1.9	13.3
643	230	Body Shop	513	518	..	2.4	0.5	54.9
90	61	Brimmer	63	68	-2	0.3	0.5	86.8
54	33	Brown & Jackson	38	39½	• ..	0.1	0.3	29.3
350	162	Brown (N)	160	170	• ..	6.7	4.1	10.5
264	168½	Burton (aa)	171	173	..	11.2	6.5	6.9
148	93	Cantors 'A'	97	102	-4	3.0	3.0	9.2
93	60	Casket plc	67	71	•-1	4.0	5.8	10.6
478	415	Church	420	440	-5	15.3	3.6	13.4
287	147½	Coats Viyella (aa)	148	150	•-2	12.0	8.1	5.1
242	145	Courts Furnishers	180	190	s ..	6.4	3.5	17.7
620	400	DAKS Simpson 'A'	580	620	• ..	14.6	2.4	9.8
54	38½	Dewhurst (IJ)	38	39	-½	1.3	3.4	8.6
217	136½	Dixons Grp (aa)	139	141	..	5.7	4.1	8.7
205	154	Dunhill	213	220	• ..	4.1	1.9	18.4
97	38	ERA Gp	64	68	• ..	3.3	5.0	9.7
740	655	Elys (Wimbledon)	710	760	•+10	16.0	2.2	19.1
262	204	Empire Stores	208	212	-1	7.0	3.3	26.2
298	157	Etam	159	161	•-2	8.2	5.1	8.2
257	204	Fine Art Dev	215	218	..	9.1	4.2	12.9
345	270	Formatser	315	335	..	10.8	3.3	9.3
76	50	Gent SR	68	68	..	2.0	3.0	17.2
238	169	Goldberg (A)	179	183	-2	7.5	4.1	18.0
17¼	15½	GUS	18⅝	17	• ..	38.0b	2.3	17.1
11⅛	875	Do 'A' (aa)	970	980	•-4	38.0	3.9	10.0
48	30½	Halcon Plc	30½	31½	• ..	2.2	7.1	8.9
272	165	Hepp Robeson plc	170	173	•+1	6.3	3.7	14.8
89	57	Hollas	64	66	..	3.9	6.0	11.9
212	145	House Of Lerose	160	170	-3	12.9	7.8	16.7
72	50	Leslie Wise Gp	62	65	-2	3.7	5.8	11.7
11⅞	10⅛	Liberty	11⅛	11⅞	..	14.1	1.2	24.1
180	142	Marks Spencer (aa)	142	144	•+½	7.0	4.9	11.8
388	278	Menzies (John)	295	303	• ..	7.6	2.5	9.8
281	193	Moss Bros	257	257	• ..	3.9	1.6	30.5
298	155	Next (aa)	124	126	•-7	9.9	7.9	6.0
585	340	Oliver (G)	500	520	..	17.2	3.3	18.0
135	82	Pettos	84	87	+1	1.9	2.2	9.7
266	176	Raters Group	175	177	r -3	7.2	4.1	8.3
98	65	S & U Stores	65	72	+2	5.3	7.7	6.9
145	112	Sears (aa)	112	114	•-2	6.3	5.6	12.0
337	242	Smith (WH) 'A' (aa)	240	243	-1	12.0	5.0	9.8
323	195	Sock Shop	203	213	-7	..	..	37.4
150	92	Stead & Simpson 'A'	108	112	..	6.1	5.5	15.2
290	182	Storehouse (aa)	195	198	..	11.7	5.9	10.8
182	138	T & S Stores	135	145	..	3.1	2.2	14.7
287	200	Tebbit & Bittaon	270	280	..	6.5	2.4	22.8
151	72	Tie Rack	78	85	•+4	1.8	2.2	14.8
245	153	Time Products	185	188	•-1	7.1	3.8	10.3
150	77	Underwoods	141	146	..	3.3	2.3	45.6
181	78	Vmsl	83	87	..	..	..	14.5
341	223	Ward White	223	226	•+2	12.2	5.4	7.4
288	180	Wiches	185	193	-3	1.8	1.0	17.3
328	180	Walding Office	207	217	r ..	5.3	2.5	18.6
307	232	Woolworth (aa)	239	242	-2	12.4	5.1	9.7

ELECTRICALS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
474	340	AB Elect	373	380	•+4	20.0	5.3	8.6
111	78	ABB Kent	88	91	• ..	4.0	4.4	22.8
173	87	Admiral Comp	130	135	..	3.0	2.3	16.6
145	95	Alba	117	122	•-1	5.6	4.8	11.1
321	171	Alphameric	188	178	+2	4.7	2.7	8.3
334½	113	Amstrad (aa)	148	151	..	1.9	1.3	7.8
126	94	Apricot Computers	105	109	•-2	3.0	2.8	10.4
170	94	Arlen	90	97	..	4.0b	4.3	7.7
154	77	Austin Fidelity	150	127	+2	2.0	1.6	7.7
263	215½	Auto Sec	252	257	..	3.1	1.2	15.9
65	35	Beacon Gp	40	44	r ..	0.7e	1.7	..
44	26	Bennett & Fountain	27	29	•-½	1.3	4.8	8.3
403	302	BICC (aa)	380	384	•+4	18.3	4.8	17.5
104	63	BSR	61	63	-½	3.1	5.0	9.1
217	133	Bick	205	212	..	6.1	2.9	15.2
122	69	Borland	78	83	..	..	..	..
193	145	Bowthorpe	165	168	•+2	4.7b	2.8	12.8
216	156	Bulgarian Security	175	180	r -2	3.0	1.9	11.6
260	163	Br Telecom (aa)	255	257	+2	13.3	5.2	11.2
27	13	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	22	23	+1	0.3	1.4	12.7
409	312	Cable Wireless (aa)	362	365	+1	9.6	2.6	18.3
262	193	Cambridge Elec	228	232	+1	11.7	5.1	11.4
67	32	Cambridge Instr	51	53	-1	1.1	2.2	27.1
77	47	Chloride	53	55	-5	2.7	5.0	25.1
243	164	Cray Elect	170	177	..	4.4	2.5	18.1
182	142	Crystalate	141	145	-1	7.8	5.5	6.9
130	50	DDT Group	110	120	•-6	1.6	1.4	42.8
120	75	Dale Elec	112	118	..	5.7	5.0	13.7
348	165	Dentaco	192	282	-1	4.3	2.2	9.8
64	53	Dowding & Mills	59	61	..	2.7	4.5	11.7
221	176	Electrocomponents	184	187	•-2	6.1	3.3	12.6
128	89	Elec Data Process	108	113	-2	2.8	2.5	9.4
162	106	Election House	127	132	..	6.0	4.6	10.2
84	58	Electronic Mach	60	66	r -2	1.2	1.9	85.3
480	387	Emess	427	437	-1	11.5	2.7	18.3
412	267	Eurotherm	375	383	..	8.6	2.3	13.8
143	113	FKI Babcock (aa)	129	130	+1½	3.1	2.4	11.3
179	134	Farnell Elect	136	139	•-1½	5.1	3.7	10.4
104	78½	Ferranti Intl (aa)	93	94	+2½	3.2	3.4	11.7
89	45	Forward Tech	43	48	..	1.3	2.8	7.5
181	144	GEC (aa)	177	179	+3	8.7	4.9	10.5
405	192	Harland Simon	368	375	+8	3.2	0.9	24.1
85	40	Highland Elect	70	75	• ..	4.0	5.5	11.6
420	195	Hoskyns Gp	410	430	..	32.0	7.6	37.7
65	28	ITL Gp	25	30	-8	2.7	9.6	4.9
260	150	Jones Stroud	230	250	..	8.0	3.3	12.4
385	225	Kode	220	230	-2	20.7	9.2	7.3
385	250	Lec Refrigeration	345	355	-5	18.0	5.1	8.7
38½	27	Life Sciences	32	35	+1	1.3	2.4	32.0
394	292	Logica	348	354	-8	3.1	0.9	19.4
298	228	Macro 4	248	263	-5	5.2	2.0	15.8
294	173	Memec	232	242	..	5.9	2.5	15.4
95	38	MBS	37	42	+1	1.3e	3.3	9.2
493	282	Microfilm Repro	422	437	+2	4.5	1.0	32.7
180	87	Micro Focus	138	148	-2	..	..	14.5
316	214	Microgen	210	217	..	8.0	3.7	13.2
180	115	Mitel	127	..	-7	..	..	..
24⅛	17⅛	Molex	18⅝	..	..	..	..	..
83	43	Multitone Elect	63	68	..	0.1	0.2	..
44	29	Murray Elect	33	35	• ..	0.3	0.9	..
137	88½	NEI	120½	131	•+8½	7.2b	5.5	42.5
122	50	Newey Comp	48	55	-4	..	..	8.8
153	133	National Telecom	132	138	• ..	2.0	1.5	12.2
343	253	Newmark (Louis)	335	350	..	19.8	5.7	10.4
365	245	Northamber	328	333	r -1	2.0	0.6	18.1
24	14	Oceonics	12	15	..	..	..	..
278	200	Oxford Instruments	213	218	..	3.7	1.7	14.4
221	135	P-E International	190	200	+2	5.1	2.6	13.9
257	175	P & P	210	215	..	2.7	1.3	17.9
69	34	Peak	34	37	•+1½	0.4	1.1	23.7
82½	72½	Philips Fin 5¾%	73	78	• ..	575	7.8	..
10	700	Philips Lamps N/V	8⅝	..	..	..	..	..
380	239	Pifco	297	307	..	11.3	3.7	8.4
272	174	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	246	253	..	11.3	4.5	7.0
261	156	Pilgrim House	243	247	..	9.9	4.0	13.5
227	141	Plessey (aa)	215	217	+6	9.2	4.3	13.6
185	117	Pressac	147	152	• ..	2.3	1.5	12.4
125	74	Quest Automation	117	122	-1	2.0	1.7	10.3
257	185	Quotient	100	110	-2	4.3	4.1	5.1
351½	202	Racal Elect (aa)	257	259	+2½	6.0	2.3	18.4
180	103	Ross	100	105	..	4.7	4.6	10.6
86	68	SD-Scicon	73	75	-½	0.9	1.2	22.2
156	97	Scantronic	103	108	•+1	2.3	2.2	17.9
308	172	Scholes Grp	250	260	..	9.1	3.6	17.8
325	182	Sema Gp	320	323	..	2.9	0.9	24.6
120	75	Seacom	90	100	..	3.1	3.3	12.6
39	0⅞	Sound Diffusion	20	23	..	0.1f	0.5	..
301	219½	STC (aa)	264	266	+5	10.3	3.9	11.8
23⅛	16⅛	TDK	18⅝	..	+⅛	..	..	..
358	192	Telephone Rentals	332	336	• ..	12.0	3.6	24.5
61	15	Telemetrix	38	38	+2	..	..	..
222	127	Thorn Scientific	277	224	..	5.3	2.4	16.4
677	533	THORN EMI (aa)	624	628	-3	29.3	4.7	12.0
415	260	Tunstall	255	275	+5	5.0	1.9	12.4
428	332	UEI	385	482	..	9.7	2.4	16.5
262	184	Unitech	195	200	+2	12.1	6.1	10.1
220	140	Utd Scientific	185	188	-2	9.2	4.9	14.3
423	258	VG Instruments	290	305	-1	6.5	2.2	9.9
425	325	Volex	385	385	-2	18.7	5.0	13.3
122	88	Wassam Selection	83	90	..	4.8	5.5	8.7
508	380	Wholesale Fittings	468	478	-5	17.2	3.6	15.0

FINANCE, LAND

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
445	63	AC Hldgs	75	80	..	1.1	1.4	15.2
280	182	Abingworth	245	250	..	1.7	0.7	..
106	58	Aitken Hume	55	60	-1	3.3	5.7	88.6
87	68	Ass Heritages	73	77	..	3.3	4.4	30.7
410	195	Authority Inv	190	200	-5	8.0	4.1	10.1
195	135	Berkeley Govett	135	145	..	..	..	..
303	214	Br Commonwealth (aa)	218	220	•-1	11.3	5.2	9.3
138	87	Burns-Anderson	88	93	..	5.0	5.5	14.0
22	18⅝	Camellia	18½	20½	..	24.0	1.2	41.5
463	260	Candover	455	470	..	12.7	2.7	64.8
180	73	Centreway	78	88	..	..	..	16.2
703	414	Charles Int	596	600	..	18.7	3.1	13.2
110	83	Dominion Int	102	105	..	7.3	7.0	10.1
465	395	Harvey&Thompson	415	455	..	16.0	3.8	14.8
103	64	IRCO	80	85	..	5.3	6.4	11.9
145	111	Ivory & Sime	125	130	..	7.7	6.0	15.3
175	125	LIT	135	139	..	10.0	7.3	14.8
217	184	Malcolm	206	209	• ..	8.7	4.2	31.3
160	103	Nat Home Loans	103	113	•-2	9.4	8.7	9.8
75	53	Newmarket	59	62	..	..	..	..
208	78	Parrish Plc	70	85	-5	..	..	..
82	75½	Rt Cap Prrars	79	81	..	1.2	1.5	..
185	98	Silverstones Plc	95	105	• ..	..	..	..
92	67	Sogar & Fried	65	68	..	2.0	3.0	22.3
10⅛	915	Sotheby's	950	970	• ..	..	..	..
143	105	Templeton Gbrth	117	122	..	4.3	3.6	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
17⅝	11⅞	American Express	14⅛	..	..	..	..	..
109	64	Argyle	78	85	+1	4.0	4.9	21.5
118	89	Britannia Arrow	101	104	..	7.3	7.1	7.7
42⅛	28½	Daily Mail	40	43	-½	94.7	2.3	19.0
214½	192½	Electra	212	213½	+1	6.4	3.0	42.9
253	215	Frost Gp	223	228	•+1	10.7	4.7	18.1
180	128	GT Management	167	172	•-6	8.7	3.9	8.5
135	118	Goode Durrant	113	118	..	4.4	3.8	7.9
805	633	Henderson Admin	630	660	• ..	36.0	5.6	10.3
158	80½	ICH	84	88	• ..	10.0	11.6	7.7
111	64½	MAI	85	87	..	5.7	6.5	8.4
380	280	MAM	355	362	•+2	16.7	4.7	9.2
400	264	M & G	268	272	-1	10.0	3.7	13.0
45	34	Rutland	38	48	..	0.5	1.3	23.5
193	154	Smith New Court	156	157	..	10.7	6.9	13.3
166	116	Tyndall Hldgs	116	120	+1	7.3	6.2	11.4

FOODS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
327	272	AB Food (aa)	303	305	+2½	11.5	3.8	10.1
183	138	ASDA Group (aa)	141	143	+½	5.5	3.9	11.3
62	26	Alpine Groeo	25	30	-2	..	..	..
185	120	Appleton Hldgs	140	159	..	4.1	2.8	26.2
212	159	Argyll (aa)	166	167	+5½	7.1	4.3	12.7
91	35	Ashley Group	71	73	-1	..	..	..
180	151	Assoc Fisheries	153	158	..	8.7	4.0	16.6
225	170	Banks (Sidney C)	167	177	..	9.3	5.4	7.6
693	543	Barr (AG)	685	700	+5	17.3	2.5	12.1
233	185	Bassett Foods	283	288	..	10.6	3.7	14.8
111	80	Batleys	98	103	-4	3.2	3.2	14.5
205	148	Bejam	154	156	..	7.0	4.5	12.6
415	274	Barisford (S&W) (aa)	401	404	..	19.3	4.8	16.2
415	345	Booker	369	373	•+3	22.1	6.0	13.2
74	42	Borthwick	47	50	-1	0.7	1.4	..
238	153	Brake Bros	220	225	• ..	3.9	1.7	19.8
153	113	Burgen	118	120	• ..	5.3	4.5	11.8
425	231	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	340	342	-1	11.1	3.2	19.1
257	186	Carrs Milling	220	230	..	9.7	4.3	8.0
235	178	Clifford Dairies 'A'	230	235	..	12.1	5.2	11.6
88	25	Cellonac	..	..	..	..	..	..
358	272	Dalgety (aa)	286	300	•-2	20.0	6.7	11.1
117	68	Daniels S	65	73	..	4.3	6.1	14.8
82	38	England (J)	42	47	+1	.. e	..	..
131	78	FII Fyffes	112	117	..	..	..	..
149	88	Fisher (A)	85	90	•-½	3.0	3.4	13.5
292	244	Fitch Lovell	261	265	+1	16.0	6.1	12.6
212	151	Gateway Corp (aa)	152	154	..	11.3	7.4	10.1
238	219	Greet	225	228	• ..	5.8	2.5	19.0
260	208	Hazlewood Foods	217	220	+4	3.5	1.6	16.8
258	249½	Hillsdown (aa)	248	251	•-½	6.7	2.7	12.2
255	145	Hunter Saphir	142	147	..	5.4	3.7	12.8
373	285	Iceland Frozen	317	320	..	6.1	1.9	18.5
377	300	Kwik Save	356	358	•+7½	10.4	2.9	15.4
120	65	Lees (John J)	105	115	• ..	2.7	2.5	17.5
203	123	Lovell (GF)	195	210	..	2.7	1.3	..
687	554	Low (Wm)	682	690	..	22.7	3.3	13.0
98	68½	Matthews (Bernard)	85	87	..	2.8	3.3	12.1
328	203	Meat Trade Supp	320	345	..	4.9	1.4	..
280	234	Morrison (W)	234	238	..	2.7	1.1	14.1
265	230	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	225	235	..	10.8	4.7	12.7
69½	45	Normans	58	59	..	2.8	4.8	16.7
314	242	Nairn Foods (aa)	273	275	..	13.3	4.9	11.0
184	121	Murdin & Peacock	175	178	+1	6.1	3.4	15.9
247	174	Park Foods	170	178	-1	7.1	4.1	12.6
103	68	Pharmagen	65	70	r -2	0.3	0.4	..
490	303	RHM (aa)	343	345	•+2	14.2	4.1	11.2
250	192	Sainsbury (J) (aa)	194	196	•+2	5.9	3.0	15.1
175	130	Salvesen (Chstn)	161	163	-3	5.5	3.4	15.7
889	740	Tate & Lyle (aa)	825	830	-2	39.3	4.7	8.5
103	85	Tavener Rutledge	85	90	..	1.7	1.9	11.1
172	130	Tesco (aa)	133	135	+3	4.0	3.0	13.0
137	125	Thorntons	125	128	..	2.8	2.2	17.5
345	253	Unigate (aa)	283	294	•+1½	17.3	5.9	11.7
322	248	Utd Biscuits (aa)	284	285	•-½	15.3	5.4	12.2
230	187	Watson & Philip	195	205	+1	11.1	5.6	14.7

HOTELS, CATERERS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
270	188	Friendly Hotels	255	260	•-2	2.9	1.1	17.0
526	444	Grand Met (aa)	445	448	r +2	17.3	3.9	12.5
465	322	Ladbroke (aa)	429	430	•+8½	19.7	4.6	14.6
38½	24	Norfolk Cap Gp	33	34	..	0.6	1.8	28.6
171	108	Mount Charlotte	152	155	..	2.7	1.8	19.2
115	82	Queens Moat	104	106	r ..	2.8	2.7	18.7
22	15	Resort Hotels	19	20½	..	0.5	3.0	13.4
11⅛	733	Savoy Hotels 'A'	785	820	..	6.7	0.8	24.5
114	81	Stakis	89	91	+½	2.4	2.7	15.2
281	211	Trusthouse Ft (aa)	261	263	+1	9.8	3.7	18.2

INDUSTRIALS A-D

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
188	92	AAF Inv	170	180	+2	7.2	4.1	11.1
317	246½	AAH	277	281	-2	14.2	5.1	9.9
148	91	ADT (aa)	116	117	•+1	..	..	..
300	188	AIM	267	277	-3	10.0	3.7	12.5
278	218	AMI Health	244	247	• ..	8.8	3.6	13.7
71	44	APG	63	65	• ..	2.3	3.8	15.3
134	105	APV	118	121	..	5.9	4.9	12.9
213	153	ASW	199	200	• ..	13.3	6.7	10.9
138	109	Aaronson	107	110	..	7.4	6.8	9.5
185	152	Adwest	154	158	s +3	7.4	5.0	10.7
100	77	Aerospace Eng	82	87	-3	3.5	4.1	15.3
185	142	Alexandra W'wear	158	160	..	4.8	2.9	15.9
260	210	Alumasc	233	243	-2	10.2	4.3	12.1
395	285	Amber Ind	340	360	• ..	15.3	4.3	13.1
59½	34	Amstar	53½	55	+½	1.2	2.2	12.0
783	625	Ash & Lacey	775	790	+3	44.0	5.6	11.9
4	3¼	Ass Br Eng	4	4½	..	..	..	13.7
149	73	Aurora	145	150	+2	4.5	3.0	21.8
84½	50	Avdel	79½	81	•-1	2.1	2.6	19.3
383	270	Avis Europe	309	312	•+1	12.0	4.0	13.8
748	594	Avon Rubber	635	638	+1	14.7	2.3	13.7
210	80	Ayrshire Metal	193	203	..	11.3b	5.7	14.9
290	235	BAA (aa)	265	267	•+1	10.3	3.9	12.1
188	139	BBA	152	154	..	4.3	2.8	8.5
256	218	BET Ord (aa)	227	229	+2	14.0	6.1	11.7
404	350	BM Gp	380	393	-1	4.0	1.0	16.1
433	365	BOC (aa)	398	400	•-3	18.8	4.7	9.0
72	55	BSG	57½	58½	•+1¾	2.8	4.8	9.6
410	300	BSS Group	400	405	-2	16.0	4.0	11.7
301	228	BTR (aa)	283	285	s +1	14.4	5.1	13.8
272	181	Bwd	192	197	• ..	13.3	6.8	5.6
23	14	Bailey (CH)	14	15	+¼	..	..	5.6
277	198	Baird (Wm)	210	213	• ..	9.1	4.3	10.0
50	31	Barlosey	44	47	..	0.3	0.7	15.0
403	43	Barlow Rand	345	370	• ..	..	..	..
303	120	Barrett (H)	177	182	•+1	4.5	2.5	13.2
213	142	BWI	180	185	r ..	6.0	3.3	10.2
785	625	Barton Transport	650	750	• ..	32.0	4.6	..
48	25	Baynes (Charles)	24	26	..	..	..	..
12⅛	7	Bear Brand	9⅞	10⅛	+¼	0.7	7.0	2.0
225	85	Beatford	182	192	..	5.8	3.0	18.2
207	158½	Beazer PLC (aa)	166	166	•+1½	8.5	5.1	6.9
497	440	Beecham (aa)	451	453	•-1	20.0	4.4	13.7
69	29	Bentox	48	52	•-1	0.2	0.4	..
317	170	Bespak	294	300	..	6.7	2.3	18.8
74	39	Bestwood	48	51	•-2	0.7	1.4	..
220	150	Bibby (J)	160	167	• ..	11.3	6.9	8.9
185	116	Billam (J)	153	156	• ..	5.4	3.5	..
485	305	Binned Qualcast	448	450	• ..	12.7	2.8	26.0
185	153	Birmingham Mint	163	172	..	10.0	6.0	8.5
130	88	Black Arrow	100	110	•-5	4.0	3.8	11.5
161	131	Black (Peter)	150	155	..	2.2	1.4	13.8
61	42	Blackwood Hodge	46½	47½	..	1.7	3.8	8.6
126	85	Blue Arrow (aa)	89	90	..	1.6	1.8	13.5
306	228	Bodycote	290	298	•+2	7.7	2.6	15.1
250	194½	Boots (aa)	209	211	• ..	12.3	5.9	11.6
132	60	Boom Inds	106	113	-2	1.8	1.8	18.4
432	352	Bowater	412	415	+1	13.0	4.6	13.9
20½	13½	Bowater Inc	14	14½	..	..	..	..
263	230	Brammer	253	260	-2	6.0	2.3	10.9
57	36	Brasway	55	58	..	1.4	2.4	14.4
259	215	Bremner	230	233	-1	16.7	7.2	13.2
35	32	Bridgend Gp	41	44	..	0.6	1.4	21.8
185½	137	Brdon	171	173	•+1	8.7	5.1	18.6
258	173	Brdon-Sandry	228	233	..	9.3	4.0	21.0
63	42	Brockley Inv	42	..	-1	..	..	..
179	139	Br Airways (aa)	155	157	• ..	9.5	6.1	6.9
295	275	Br Bldg & Eng App	270	320	..	4.8	1.4	15.9
170	108	Br Syphon	158	162	..	6.2b	3.9	14.8
247	188	Br Vita	212	214	-2	7.2	3.4	12.8
407	254	Broken Hill	331	338	+5	..	..	..
193	186	Bromsgrove Inds	107	110	-½	3.3	3.0	11.3
43	23	Brooke Tool	34½	35½	-½	2.8	6.6	9.7
205	161	Brown & Tawse	192	197	-1	11.3	5.8	11.9
497	430	Bullough	450	465	-3	19.6	4.3	12.6
155	123	CH Ind	125	130	..	5.0	3.9	8.3
204	131	Camford Eng	183	186	..	4.0	2.2	19.1
319	230	Cannon St	260	265	-1	10.7	4.1	12.2
60	38	Capara Ind	54½	56	..	1.1	2.0	..
177	138	Cape Ind	168	169	+1	7.3e	4.3	12.8
24	7½	Caulton	7	8½	..	..	..	..
177	142	Cardo Eng	160	165	+2	6.3	3.9	12.9
198	132	Castings	191	195	..	7.1	3.7	11.2
73	21	Celestion	59	64	-2	1.3	2.1	..
11	5½	Central & Sheer	7½	8½	+⅛	..	..	..
74	42	Centreway Ind	44	47	+1	3.3	7.2	9.0
174	118	Chamberlain Ph	144	147	..	7.6	5.2	12.7
240	128	Chamberlin & Hill	222	232	-8	8.7	3.8	9.3
495	293	Charter Cons	485	488	+3	19.3	4.1	13.4
25	12	Chemoxy	18½	19½	+⅛	0.9	4.7	6.3
689	540	Christie	650	670	-3	26.0	3.9	10.7
70	43	Chrsty Hunt	68	70	• ..	2.2	3.2	13.1
166	100	Claybithe	137	145	-1	5.0	3.5	14.1
281	134	Clayton Son	235	245	•+2	12.3	5.1	9.0
14⅝	465	Cohen (A)	900	950	..	21.8	2.4	10.1
242	136	Coloroll Gp	135	137	•-2½	9.3	6.8	7.6
242	200	Concentric	232	239	• ..	13.5	5.7	11.0
95	60	Conrad Hldgs	57	62	• ..	3.3	5.5	17.8
116	95	Cent Stationery	93	98	+3	4.0	4.2	14.0
224	95	Cook (Wm)	211	218	• ..	8.7	4.0	18.3
291	236	Cookson (aa)	260	262	+½	8.7	3.3	11.0
144	135	Cornwall Parker 'A'	131	136	-2	6.4	4.7	8.7
197	135	Cosalt	181	185	-3	9.3	5.1	8.4
238	189	Courtney Pope	227	237	..	9.3	4.0	12.6
71	43	Cowan De Groot	45	48	-1	2.0	4.3	..
118	57	DSC	58	65	..	1.0	1.6	34.1
22⅛	17⅛	Dana	19⅛	..	• ..	..	..	..
113	78	Davies & Met 'A'	100	105	..	3.2	3.1	10.6
765	390	Davies & Newman	590	640	..	7.5	1.2	7.0
180	148	Davis (Godfrey)	154	157	..	8.4	5.4	11.5
187½	122	Davy	180	182	•+4	9.0	5.0	20.5
495	382	De La Rue	400	405	•-10	17.7	4.4	13.7
386	242½	Delta	251	253	+4	12.7	5.0	9.0
282	219	Desoutter	278	283	..	12.5	4.5	8.3
31	21	Dinkie Hepl	28	31	• ..	0.7	2.3	27.3
341	180	Diploma	193	197	•+1	10.0	5.1	9.4
122	87	Dobson Park	87	88½	..	7.3	7.4	8.5
100	63	Doctus	92	102	+2	0.7	0.7	73.5
106	81	Do 'A'	83	86	+1	6.0	7.1	9.4

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1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
297	256	ES	285	292	•+2	11.5	4.0	13.5
318	268½	Eastern Prod	270	275	•+2	13.3	4.3	7.4
20⅛	11	Eagle Trust	10½	11¼	• ..	0.6	5.5	11.6
305	170	Edbro	295	305	..	12.7	4.2	12.4
58	45	Elbief	50	55	..	2.3	4.3	23.2
231	143	Elsco	218	223	•-2	8.3	3.8	18.2
25½	17½	Electrolux (AE) 'B'	18⅞	..	+½	..	..	..
97	78	Elson (B)	92	95	•-1	4.5	4.8	15.9
28½	15½	Elswick	15	16	-½	0.6	3.9	11.0
13⅛	10⅝	Embart	11⅛	..	•+¼	..	..	..
531½	370	Eng China Clay (aa)	450	452	+1	21.7b	4.8	12.9
30⅞	14½	Ericsson (LM) 'B'	30⅞	..	+⅛	..	..	..
240	182	Erskine Hse	200	205	-1	7.3	3.6	11.3
108	86	Eurocopy	92	97	-1	1.6	1.7	18.4
470	232	Eurotunnel Uncs	417	420	-2	..	..	..
34½	13	Eurotunnel Warrants	28	28	-½	..	..	..
128	96	Evered	98	100	+1	4.7	4.7	7.8
212	165	Expamet	178	182	..	10.5	5.8	11.4
45	28	Feedex Agric Ind	27	30	• ..	2.0	6.9	8.1
184	151	Fenner (JH)	178	180	•+3	10.0	5.6	10.2
88	55	Fife Indmar	65	70	-3	4.7	6.9	32.5
279	227	Finlay (aa)	234	236	•+3	5.8	2.5	13.8
146	88	Fitzwilton	115	120	• ..	..	..	..
146	100	Fleming C&W	125	130	..	6.1	4.8	9.5
125	40	Fobel	47	52	•+7	2.2	4.4	4.3
58	39	Folkes Group N/V	46	48	..	2.1	4.5	8.5
100	58	French (Thomas)	78	83	..	3.9	4.8	22.2
144	112	GEI Int	118	120	•-2	8.1	6.8	13.8
344	260	GKN (aa)	306	308	+3	20.3	6.6	9.1
780	630	GR	710	750	• ..	13.3	1.8	..
186	128	Garton Eng	175	179	+2	7.0	4.0	12.7
237	167	Gestetner	195	202	-1	3.3	1.7	9.8
233	182	Glaxo	186	498	• ..	3.7	3.0	17.5
11⅝	907	Glaxo (aa)	10⅞	10⅛	• ..	33.3	3.2	13.5
323	242	Glynwed (aa)	254	257	•+8	11.5	4.5	11.0
295	267	Gordon Russell	273	280	+1	8.5	3.1	15.4
295	235	Goring Kerr	227	247	-1	20.0b	8.4	9.1
285	218	Grampian Hldgs	272	278	..	5.9	2.2	24.3
341	283	Granada (aa)	316	318	+1	13.7	4.3	12.4
88	43	Halse Precision	41	45	-2	3.1	7.2	11.3
203	158	Hadley MacLellan	175	178	-3	4.4	2.5	47.1
448	230	Hall Eng	410	420	-5	17.2	4.2	12.5
179	127	Hall (M)	165	170	..	7.7	4.6	16.2
208	142	Halma	184	188	+1	2.2	1.2	19.6
83	53	Hampson Ind	73	78	+1	2.2	2.9	10.8
139	45	Hanimex	137	..	..	..	..	..
158½	123½	Hanson (aa)	151½	152½	-¼	8.4	4.2	10.0
148	35	Harris (Philip)	114	126	..	7.3	6.2	12.3
355	273	Havelock Europa	290	300	+3	11.5	3.9	14.9
570	440	Hawker Siddy (aa)	526	529	•+3	29.2	5.5	11.4
135	78	Hay (Norman)	103	113	r ..	2.4	2.2	18.9
228	211	Hepworth	213	215	..	13.9	6.5	10.5
317	256	Hestair	293	298	•-½	17.3	5.8	12.7
180	140	Hewitt (J)	138	143	+1	6.7	4.8	10.6
205	170	Highgate & Job	193	200	..	..	..	..
325	288	High-Point	290	292	•-1	7.7	2.4	12.0
144	84	Holmes Protection	118	122	• ..	..	..	..
137	88	Hopkinsons	93	97	•+4	4.4	4.6	24.7
136	78	Howden	132	134	r -½	5.1	3.8	17.8
305	298	Hunting Assoc	363	373	•+3	12.0	3.3	8.2
191	133	Hunting Group	167	172	• ..	8.3	4.9	9.3
78	48	Hutchsn Whampoa	58	61	..	..	..	..
213	178	IMI (aa)	177	179	-1	9.9	5.6	10.2
139	96	ISA Intl	134	139	..	1.0	0.7	27.8
180	112	Isotron	170	175	..	2.9	1.7	15.9
518	206	JS Pathology	198	213	•-17	7.3	3.5	10.4
122	73	Jacksons Bourne	73	78	-2	2.7	3.6	18.5
105	71	Jardine Math	98	101	..	..	..	..
513	393	Johnson Cleaners	483	488	..	26.0	5.3	13.3
393	242	Johnson Matthey	365	368	+2	9.3	2.5	13.2
48	36	Johnson & FB	40	41	-½	2.7	6.7	10.7
450	345	Johnston	335	365	•+1	13.3	3.8	8.1
148	96	Jones & Shipman	110	115	..	5.5	4.9	61.4
133	102	Jourdan (Thomas)	103	107	+3	6.7	6.4	10.4
50	40	Kalamazoo	43	45	•-½	2.7	6.1	11.3
40½	31½	Kalon	34½	36	..	1.0	4.1	..
455	308	Keep Trust	390	400	-5	13.0	4.2	7.9
455	357	Kelsey Ind	350	378	..	17.6	4.9	8.3
545	275	Kershaw (A)	527	537	+5	26.3	4.9	28.7
700	410	Kleen-EZe	400	420	..	11.3	2.8	24.5

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1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
158	126	Lap	142	145	•+2	5.5	3.8	28.9
275	204	Lard	223	227	•-1	10.8	4.8	9.6
83	50	Lavelas	58	63	-1	1.3	2.1	..
170	76	Lee (Arthur)	147	152	-5	4.6	3.1	16.4
186	109	Lilleshall	173	178	-2	3.3b	1.9	22.7
141	116	Linread	134	139	..	5.3	3.9	18.5
35	27	Locker (T)	25	28	• ..	1.9	7.0	10.4
295	193½	Lon Intl	205	207	..	8.8	4.3	12.4
289	170	Low & Bonar	198	201	+1	8.5	4.3	14.3
283	172	MB Group (aa)	243	246	•-2	10.8f	4.4	11.1
132	104	ML Hldgs	103	105	..	3.1b	3.0	10.8
133	63	MS Intl	115	118	+5	4.4b	3.8	10.7
101	61	MY Holdings	96	100	• ..	2.0	2.0	19.8
341	206	Macarthy	232	235	+1	15.3	6.5	9.7
199	155	Mackintosh	190	195	..	5.1	2.6	17.8
360	285	McKechnie	284	288	•-½	17.7	6.2	9.8
148	101	McLeod Russel	111	115	•-1	6.0	5.3	11.7
147	115	Magnolia	130	140	-3	6.1	4.5	11.1
21	700	Manchester Ship	18½	20½	..	..	..	24.5
289	184	Manganese Bronze	252	257	..	8.0	3.1	11.4
179	115	Marling	176	180	+1	4.7	2.6	12.7
85	65	Maybank	65	69	..	4.8	7.2	8.3
98	65	Meggitt	88	89½	+1½	3.2	3.6	10.6
220	150	Metal Closures	192	197	..	10.1	5.2	25.3
93	67	Metalrax	82	85	..	3.8	4.5	12.1
58	41	Michael Page	40	43	..	0.7	1.7	..
38	18	Mining & Ald	18	19½	r ..	..	..	..
251	212	Molins	218	222	..	12.8	5.8	9.8
250	162	Mooyloys	196	208	•-2	7.1	3.5	9.5
258	215	Morgan Crucible	220	224	•+5	13.7	6.2	10.1
157	95	MMC Group	118	127	•+1	3.5	2.8	12.3
165	98	Mash Ind	107	117	-2	3.6	3.2	12.9
62	38	Neepsend	45	48	-1	1.3	2.8	10.8
243	172	Neill (J)	198	205	..	10.8	5.3	7.4
109	78	Nestor-BNA	89	93	+1	2.5	2.7	18.3
106	65	Noble & Lund	85	88	..	2.7	3.1	9.0
263	178	Nobo Gp	213	223	..	7.0	3.2	13.0
431	306	Norcros	306	308	-3	20.5	6.7	9.3
378	255	Ny-Swift	374	379	..	18.7	5.0	13.2
162	105	Olives Elect Mach	113	123	..	..	..	..
142	105	Opecol & Med	130	140	..	6.1	4.5	13.4
383	278	Parkfield	275	280	-1	9.3	3.3	18.2
142	72	Pentland Ind	70	73	..	1.3	1.8	5.3
127	75	Pergamon	74	78	-½	6.0	8.0	10.4
455	305	Photo-Me	405	425	• ..	4.0	1.0	21.3
251	191½	Pilkington (aa)	206	208	•-1	11.2	5.4	7.6
300	225	Portals	242	249	•+2	12.5	5.1	11.1
93	61	Porter Chadburn	85	87	..	1.9	2.2	20.4
431	320	Powell Duffryn	375	380	• ..	25.7	6.8	13.3
132	82	Powerscreen	83	86	•+1	4.9	5.8	7.4
150	114	Prestwich Hldgs	120	125	• ..	1.7	1.4	13.2
285	215	Prestwich Alexander	255	260	-2	5.3	2.1	30.2
193	148	Radiant Metal	180	205	..	4.0	2.1	15.0
749	552	Rank Org (aa)	685	690	+5	30.7	4.5	14.1
376	250	Ransome Sims	373	378	..	11.6	3.1	17.5
182	75	Ratcliffs (Gt Bridge)	147	157	-3	1.7	1.1	68.5
325	188	Redman	313	317	• ..	6.0	1.9	28.0
969	770	Reckitt Colman (aa)	905	908	•+2	30.7	3.4	13.5
548	448	Redfearn	337	545	-1	18.7	3.5	11.1
227	145	Reed Executive	143	148	+1	2.7	1.8	11.6
255	168	Relyon	217	222	..	7.1	3.2	13.3
233	142	Renishaw	178	183	s +1	3.5	1.9	12.2
77½	51	Renold	73	74½	•-½	2.4	3.2	22.8
573	439	Reuters (aa)	466	468	-6	10.4	2.2	18.0
82	38	Rexmore	57	60	..	2.6	4.4	8.5
138	105	Ricardo Eng	118	123	+1	4.3	3.6	29.2
300	98	Richard (Leics)	113	123	..	..	..	..
73	48	Robertson West	52	55	..	2.4	4.4	..
155	83	Robertson	88	92	..	4.7	5.2	11.0
475	370	Robinson (Thomas)	387	391	-1	13.3b	3.4	9.8
77	55	Rockware	65	67	r ..	2.8	4.2	10.1
142	105	Ropner	117	121	• ..	9.3	7.8	29.4
142	102	Do 'A'	114	117	..	9.3	8.0	28.6
204	139	Rotork	136	142	..	8.5	6.0	11.4
80	55	Russell (A)	72	77	..	2.6	3.5	23.4

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1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
68	25	SI	28	31	..	..	..	..
34⅛	21⅛	SKF 'B'	33⅞	..	+⅛	..	..	..
234	180	Sale Tilney	183	187	..	14.0	7.2	18.9
38	38	Saville Gordon (J)	39	41	..	2.0	5.0	11.2
278	206	Sceptre	257	260	..	10.2	3.9	10.5
203	150	Scot Heritable	163	168	-1	7.3b	4.4	14.0
278	142	Scott & Robertson	265	275	+3	5.8	2.1	18.2
440	265	Securicor	398	406	-2	1.6	0.4	56.6
435	210	Do 'A'	355	365	-5	1.6	0.4	50.8
222	153	Securiguard	200	207	r ..	7.3	3.6	15.7
403	205	Security Serv	370	380	..	3.1	0.8	39.1
65	47	Senior Eng	53	56	+½	3.1	5.7	11.8
140	75	Shelton	74	78	•-1	4.8	6.3	4.8
153	102	Sidlaw	144	148	-1	9.3	6.4	8.4
396	300	Siebe (aa)	360	364	+4	12.6	3.5	8.3
185	113	Silentnight	135	140	• ..	7.7	5.6	12.6
319	230	Simon Eng	289	293	•+2	16.4	5.6	12.2
124	101	Six Hundred	112	114	• ..	7.9	7.0	10.0
438	343	Skelchley	405	415	•-3	26.0	6.3	15.4
151	103½	Smith & Neph (aa)	116	116½	•+1¼	4.7	4.0	15.0
277	220	Smiths Ind (aa)	253	256	•-3	10.0	3.9	11.3
259	210	Spear (JW)	252	262	..	8.0	3.1	38.2
206	168	Spirax-Sarco	180	193	..	9.2	4.8	11.7
21½	9¾	Spong Hldgs	10	11	..	0.5	4.8	8.5
221	157	Spring Ram	153	180	• ..	0.8	0.5	13.4
155	138	Stag Furniture	138	143	..	9.0	6.4	12.7
150	110	Star Comp	140	150	• ..	2.0	1.4	17.8
192	140	Staveley	166	170	• ..	7.9	4.7	11.4
170	145	Stocklake Ind	155	165	..	4.5	2.8	31.3
71	32	Stonehill	62	67	..	..	..	..
15½	16⅛	Strongard	11	12	-½	.. •	..	..
81	42	Sumner Int	40	44	..	..	..	..
249	189	Suter	210	215	+2	7.3	3.4	17.4
147	112	Swire Pacific 'A'	127	131	..	..	..	..
46	27	Sycamore	28	33	..	..	..	..
230	290	Syltone	300	320	-2	15.3	4.9	11.9
194	164	T & N (aa)	163	166	-2	11.8	7.2	7.6
383	288	TI	352	355	+4	15.0	4.2	12.6
195	139	TNT	176	180	s +5	..	..	..
319	168	Tace	160	175	-3	14.7b	8.8	8.9
132⅞	99½	Taleda Chem	108⅞	..	• ..	..	..	..
32	18½	Tallex	18	19½	..	..	..	22.4
191	135	Telfos	162	167	-1	8.0	4.8	53.1
198	108	Tex Hldgs	158	166	-2	9.3	5.8	11.2
350	208	Third Mile	275	285	..	4.5	1.6	22.3
108	52	Thomson T-Line	51	53	-1	2.1	4.0	10.9
250	203	Tomkins	203	206	+3	6.0	2.9	9.3
347½	282	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	300	301	-8	20.3	6.8	11.1
225	160	Transcontinental	186	190	• ..	12.8	6.9	15.1
250	205	Transport Dev	223	227	-2	12.3	5.5	12.2
126	91	Trefus	113	118	..	6.0	5.2	22.0
284	148	Triplex Lloyd	170	175	..	6.7	3.9	10.8
415	310	Unitam	350	360	..	..	..	..
173	42	Unigroup	51	55	+1	..	..	..
515	433	Unilever (aa)	439	443	•-1	16.6	3.8	10.9
48	27⅞	Unilever (NV)	31	..	•+⅛	..	..	..
28	15	Utd Gamerdon	18	19½	..	..	..	..
558	375	VSEL	407	414	-3	13.3	3.2	8.9
33	17	Vaxxon	24½	26	+½	0.4	1.6	38.4
192½	149	Vickers	157	159	-1	9.2	5.8	10.0
200	147	Vinten	193	203	+3	5.3	2.7	18.4
86⅞	72⅛	Volkswagen	85⅛	..	..	..	..	..
220	165	Vosper Thornycroft	194	199	..	7.3	3.7	10.7
208	141	Wade Potteries	165	172	• ..	6.7	4.0	10.4
348	269	Wagon Ind	315	325	..	17.0	5.3	11.5
126	75	Walker, Greenbank	75	80	..	3.7	4.7	8.6
185	153	Warner Howard	162	172	• ..	4.5	2.7	17.2
116	69	Waterford Glass	74	75	•+1	..	..	..
262	176	Weir	233	235	-1	7.3	3.1	20.7
559	409	Wellcome (aa)	408	411	•-5	4.8	1.2	27.2
49	34	Wellman	41	43	..	..	..	5.4
78	37	Westmex	54	..	+1	..	..	..
360	307	Whatman Reeve	345	355	..	5.7	1.6	15.3
121	61	Whessoe	112	117	+2	1.3	1.1	..
95	65	Whewey	78	81	..	2.3	2.9	23.3
359	243	Whitecroft	313	317	..	15.3	4.9	12.2
211	149	Wilkes (James)	176	183	r ..	10.0	5.6	13.0
24½	18½	Williams Gp	18	19½	r ..	0.7	3.7	17.3
318	223	Williams Hldgs (aa)	238	240	..	13.3	5.6	11.5
130	107	Wills Gp	104	109	-2	5.3	5.0	19.0
285	228	Wolseley	232	236	+4	12.0	5.1	7.8
192	140	Wood (Arthur)	150	160	-2	4.7	3.0	15.4
153	85	Wood (SW)	143	148	+3	5.3	3.6	8.7
222	153	Worcester	190	200	+3	3.1	1.6	20.5
263	165	Wyndham Eng	215	220	-1	4.7	2.2	11.2
304	245	Yale & Valor	325	330	•-4	12.2	3.7	13.4
171	118	Young (H)	161	165	..	5.9	3.6	10.9

INSURANCE

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
348	226	Abbey Life (aa)	288	289	+6	18.0b	6.2	..
16	650	Alex & Alex	101⅛	..	..	..	..	..
595⅞	350	Allianz Vers	5493	..	+2⅛	..	..	..
20½	14⅛	Am Gen	16⅝	..	+⅛	..	..	..
185	124	Archer (AJ)	133	138	..	5.3	3.9	10.1
245	187	Bradstock	188	190	..	6.8	3.6	10.8
392	314	Britannic	330	335	..	19.7	5.9	..
407½	256	Com Union (aa)	323	325	+7	22.7	7.0	12.3
225	148	FAI	140	155	..	..	..	..
954	794	Gen Accident (aa)	832	835	•+11½	50.7	6.1	..
199	165	GRE (aa)	177	179	•+2½	11.6	6.5	..
456	384	Heath C E	415	420	• ..	34.5	8.3	14.1
158	115	Hibernian	130	140	-3	..	..	..
183	134	Hogg Rob & GM	153	155	..	3.3	2.1	..
343	252	Legal & Gen (aa)	287	289	+8	16.3	5.7	..
215	147	Lloyd Thompson	198	205	..	6.7	3.3	15.3
309	238	London & Man	254	257	+7	12.3	4.8	..
210	112	Lon Utd Inv	110	115	+1	10.7	9.5	12.9
35	29⅝	Marsh & McLen	30	..	..	..	..	..
223	130	PWS	143	147	..	14.0	9.7	6.1
547	401	Pearl (aa)	405	408	-1	18.0	4.4	..
179	142½	Prudential (aa)	147	149	+2½	9.6	6.5	..
495	398	Refuge	448	452	+4	25.0	5.6	24.0
439	356	Royal (aa)	370	372	+8½	27.3	7.4	..
245	199	Sedgwick (aa)	217	220	+2	16.0	7.3	14.2
230	152	Steel Burrill	205	210	+1	13.3	6.4	13.0
354	219	Sturge Hldgs	217	223	-1	10.2	4.6	14.0
10⅞	785	Sun Alliance (aa)	926	929	+2	48.0	5.2	..
12⅛	898	Sun Life	905	910	..	46.4	5.1	..
568	355	Trade Indemnity	550	565	..	8.1	1.5	25.6
278	202	Willis Faber (aa)	220	223	+3	15.3	6.9	11.6
75	46	Windsor	47	52	..	.. e	..	..

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LEISURE

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
223	150	Anglia TV 'A'	192	198	-4	8.5	4.4	10.8
340	175	Barr & WA 'A'	285	300	..	15.3	5.2	15.0
245	170	Boosey & Hawkes	235	245	• ..	8.0	3.3	18.8
431	288	Brent Walker	315	318	•+3	12.0	3.8	10.5
328	202	Campari	226	230	-2	9.3	4.1	6.4
493	151	Capital Radio	470	472	•+1	13.3	2.8	12.7
275	165	Castle Comm	265	275	..	9.6	3.6	14.6
603	447	Central TV	575	590	-1	30.7	5.3	10.6
146	100	Chrysalis	105	108	..	9.3	8.7	10.2
73½	64	Euro Leisure	72½	74	•+2½	..	..	..
161	120	First Leisure	152	153	+½	3.3	2.2	20.3
53	43	Grampian	43	46	• ..	3.6	8.0	6.9
281	70	HTV Group	90	93	s ..	5.2	5.7	19.4
190	150	Horizon Travel	160	180	..	..	..	45.3
79	49	Juliana's Hldgs	67	70	• ..	2.9	4.2	14.5
184	122	LWT Hldgs	153	158	• ..	7.6	4.9	10.0
448	183	LandLeis	354	367	..	10.7	2.9	9.8
118	68	Leisure Inv	87	90	..	2.3	2.6	19.2
110	77	Leisuretime Ind	82	85	+2	..	..	..
218	158	Mecca Leisure	159	162	+1	6.0	3.7	13.2
127	79	Medminster	107	112	• ..	4.8	4.5	11.8
183	128	Midsummer	167	169	-1	2.4	1.4	28.1
89	62	Owners Abroad	84	86	+1	2.4	2.8	37.4
282	147	Pleasurama	235	239	+1	8.3	3.5	15.1
280	127	Quadrant Group	215	223	r +1	4.3	2.0	19.7
610	486½	Really Useful	510	520	+3	20.0	3.9	15.1
240	169	Saga Gp	232	235	..	6.7	2.9	41.8
434	342	Scot TV	362	373	+6	23.0	6.3	7.0
292	197	Stanley Leisure	233	243	-7	4.8	2.0	17.1
362	296	TVS	298	302	..	17.3	5.8	8.0
74	61	TSW	65	67	..	4.2	6.4	7.5
417	302	Thames TV	360	365	•-6	18.1	5.0	8.8
130	95	Tottenham Hotspur	112	117	•+2	6.7	5.8	14.4
179	129	TV-AM	142	147	-2	8.7	4.6	9.6
372	254	Tyne Tees TV	348	353	..	20.0	5.7	9.0
92	64	Ulster TV	85	89	•-1	6.3	7.2	6.6
137½	83	Virgin	136	138	..	3.5	2.6	15.1
155	77	Wembley	118	121	..	2.1	1.8	..
58	48	Woodlington	47	50	r +1	..	..	..
246	168	Yorkshire TV	210	213	-1	10.7	5.0	8.4
153	90	Zetters Gp	130	135	+2	8.0	6.0	12.0

MINING

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
49⅛	36	Am Gold	39⅛	39⅝	-⅛	..	..	..
7½	5⅛	Ang Amer Coal	6⅛	6½	•-⅛	.. b	..	..
10⅛	745	Ang Am	814	864	-10	..	..	..
306	189	Blyvoors	218	246	-2	..	..	..
62	32	Bracken	28	48	-5	..	..	..
10⅛	685	Buffels	740	790	-13	..	..	..
145	40	Butte	43	45	+1	..	..	..
458	287	CRA	348	354	+2	..	..	..
14	873	Cons Goldfields (aa)	11⅛	12	..	42.7	3.6	25.9
714	562	De Beers	602	622	-8	..	..	..
207	108	Deelkraal	126	146	..	..	..	..
1⅛	67	Doornfontein	56	106	+1	..	..	..
6⅞	454	Driefontein	493	523	-5	..	..	..
100	65	ERX	75	..	..	..	..	..
3⅛	165	Durban	159	209	..	..	..	..
340	165	E Daggs	224	244	+7	..	..	..
338	182	Elandsrand	254	274	..	..	..	..
119	62	Elsburg	60	80	+6	..	..	..
294	168	E Rand Gold	193	213	..	..	..	..
3⅜	243	E Rand Prop	247	267	..	..	..	..
6	387	FS Cons	420	450	-8	..	..	..
284	110	FS Dev	120	135	-5	..	..	..
10⅛	693	GFSA	873	913	-5	..	..	..
130	66	Geevor Tin	70	75	r ..	..	..	..
9⅛	744	Gen Mining	832	862	+2	..	..	..
86	62	GM Kalgoorli	59	64	..	..	..	..
253	83	Greenwich Res	88	102	..	..	..	33.6
112	82	Grootvlei	65	85	-5	..	..	..
4⅛	332	Harmony	331	351	-16	..	..	..
421	208	Hartes	337	357	-10	..	..	..
8⅛	433	Kinross	533	563	-26	..	..	..
6⅛	450	Kloof	485	505	a -9	..	..	..
74	35	Leslie	30	50	..	..	..	..
1⅛	77	Libanon	99	119	a +3	..	..	..
213	111	Lorraine	103	133	-5	..	..	..
106	79	MIM	77	80	..	..	..	..
811	610	Messina	600	630	-6	..	..	..
163	89	Nth Broken Hill	119	123	+3	..	..	..
29	11	Nth Kalgurli	12½	13½	+1	..	..	..
15⅛	10	Orange Free	10⅛	11⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
460	315	RTZ (aa)	422	425	•-1	16.7	3.9	11.8
77½	8⅛	Rand Mines Ltd	11½	12½	•-¼	..	..	..
375	228	Rand Mines Prop	275	300	• ..	..	..	..
49⅛	32⅞	Randfontein	39⅛	42⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
485	235	Renison	306	..	+2	..	..	..
7⅛	3⅞	Rustenburg	7	7⅛	..	26.0	3.8	53.7
5⅛	386	St Helena	423	453	-3	..	..	..
22½	13⅛	Southvaal	17⅛	17⅝	-⅛	..	..	..
271	156	Sulfontein	177	197	..	..	..	..
338	148	Unisel	184	204	+1	..	..	..
52⅛	33⅞	Vaal Reefs	39⅛	40⅛	-1	..	..	..
162	90	Venterspost	99	119	..	..	..	..
416	252	Welkom	274	294	-7	..	..	..
186	90	Western Areas	91	111	..	..	..	..
22⅛	14⅛	Western Deep	16	16½	-½	..	..	..
315	160	Western Mining	220	224	+6	..	..	..
141	78	Whim Creek	75	80	-2	..	..	..
10	675	Winkelhaak	777	827	-13	..	..	..
28	9⅛	Zambia Copper	18	20	-1	..	..	..
104	51	Zandpan	63	..	+6	..	..	..

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
491	315	Appleyard	428	435	-7	18.7	4.3	10.9
171	116	Armstrong	158	163	-1	4.7	2.9	14.6
800	600	Bramall (CD)	550	650	..	6.1	1.0	23.6
821	323	Br Aerospace (aa)	442	445	+5	25.6	5.8	..
578	410	Caffyns	485	495	..	13.3	2.7	12.1
157	102½	Cowie (T)	132	135	+7	4.3	3.2	11.0
140	111	Dag Motors	122	127	..	4.8	3.8	9.9
241	165	Davy	224	227	+1	9.3	4.1	11.7
496	195	ERF	447	462	+2	12.0	2.6	8.9
289	205	FR Group	215	217	•-1	6.6	3.1	11.2
158	118	Ford Motor	138	..	• ..	..	..	..
239	164	General Motor	236	..	• ..	..	..	..
140	97	Hartwell Plc	123	126	• ..	3.9	3.1	15.4
10⅛	726	Honda Motor	853	..	•-16	..	..	..
86	50	Jacks (Wm)	87	81	+1	2.4	2.7	17.9
350	236	Jaguar (aa)	268	270	-7	14.0	5.2	8.0
206	145	Jessups	150	160	•-3	8.3	5.4	7.6
133	100	Kwik-Fit	108	110	+1	2.8	2.6	14.9
148	95	Lancaster	126	133	..	4.5	3.5	10.0
420	277	Lex	315	318	-1	16.8	5.3	9.5
192	120	Lookers	130	140	-3	6.0	4.4	7.4
645	507	Lucas (aa)	529	532	•-3	28.0	5.3	6.7
247	188	Perry gp	202	204	..	10.7	5.3	9.9
286	130	Plaxton	203	208	..	4.8	2.3	32.3
162	70	Quicks Group	118	125	..	6.2	5.1	5.3
147½	108	Rolls-Royce (aa)	128	129½	•+1½	7.5	5.8	6.9
50½	28	Tricentrol	48	49	..	1.6	3.3	13.7
617	347	Western Motor	567	572	• ..	6.7	1.2	9.8
111	75	Westland	103	106	+1	4.7	4.5	5.7

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
183	65	Accord	60	70	..	4.5	6.9	6.5
160	85	Adscene	142	147	+2	5.7	3.9	18.1
780	438	Assoc Newspaper	755	765	..	9.7	1.3	25.5
310	245	Barbour Index	240	250	-3	7.3	3.0	14.6
405	365	Black (A&C)	390	400	..	16.3	4.1	12.8
273	210	Bristol	268	278	+3	12.0	4.4	18.4
83	27½	Chartsearch	55	58	-2	0.6	1.1	22.0
836	525	Collins (Wm)	785	792	..	16.3	2.1	19.6
661	420	Collins (Wm) 'A'	605	615	..	16.3	2.7	15.2
294	176	EMAP	211	213	• ..	6.0	2.8	17.8
538	338	Haynes Publishing	515	540	..	22.7	4.3	16.6
415	250	Home Counties	400	410	..	11.7	2.9	11.9
133	99	Ind Bus Comms	105	107	..	5.1	4.8	9.7
530	323	Independent	467	487	+2	..	..	..
790	485	Int Thomson	675	700	•+18	..	..	..
270	180	Maxwell Comm (aa)	181	183	• ..	18.7	10.3	9.7
295	159	News International	210	215	+2	5.4	2.5	..
738	648	Pearson (aa)	653	658	-3	22.0	3.4	14.4
276	220	Portsmouth Sund	248	258	..	7.4	2.9	11.7
471	380	Reed Int (aa)	360	363	•-5	14.0	3.9	11.8
183	127	Trinity Int	173	183	-2	7.2	4.0	14.6
455	379	Utd Newspapers (aa)	385	390	+1	26.0	6.7	10.8

OILS, GAS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
84	40½	Aran Energy	55	58	-½	.. f	..	68.2
11	4½	Atlantic Resources	5	6	-½	..	..	..
38	25	Aus Oil & Gas	25	28	-1	..	..	..
18	6	Aviva Pet	7½	8⅛	+½	..	..	..
5½	2⅛	BDM Hldgs	2	2⅛	..	..	..	..
486	442	Br Borneo	450	470	•-2	32.0	7.0	14.2
193	154½	British Gas (aa)	157	158	+½	11.0	7.0	8.0
280	227	Br Petroleum (aa)	244	246	+1½	17.3	7.1	9.7
153	126½	Br Petroleum pp	143	144	+1	17.3	12.1	5.7
582	430	Burmah (aa)	472	473	•-5½	23.3	4.9	11.7
409	240	Calor Gp	380	384	+2	22.0	5.8	12.3
131	79	Carless	116	119	-1½	3.7	3.1	84.6
78	19	Caspen Oil	18	20	-1	..	..	..
185	140	Century	138	142	•-1	8.0	5.7	13.2
136½	87	Clyde Pet	90	91	-½	1.3	1.4	48.4
703	257	Enterprise (aa)	482	485	+3	13.3	2.7	28.5
154	68	Exp.Cons.Louisiana	136	138	..	..	..	..
128	76	Goal Pet	93	95	r -2	1.3	1.4	37.9
132	101	Gt Western Res	98	103	..	5.0	5.0	..
17⅛	11⅛	Hamilton	14⅛	..	..	..	..	..
200	180	Herring P 5	165	173	• ..	12.0	7.1	10.9
25	14	KCA Drilling	13	15	..	..	..	3.7
78	29	Kelt Energy	32	34	..	..	..	..
591	271	LASMO (aa)	449	451	-1	10.3	2.3	40.3
195	135	Do Units	135	145	..	31.9	22.8	..
34	19	Mannas	18	19½	..	..	..	..
27	14½	New London Oil	13½	15½	..	..	..	..
67	31	Oil Search	34	37	+1	..	..	..
69	47	Petrocon	45	52	..	..	..	..
2⅛	1⅛	Petroc	1	3	+⅛	..	..	..
66	46	Premier	52	54	..	..	..	18.6
373	221	Ranger	273	278	..	..	..	..
67⅛	59⅛	Royal Dutch	61⅝	..	+⅛	..	..	..
11	949	Shell (aa)	983	987	+5	64.0	6.5	10.5
340	163	Siebens	324	330	•-1	13.3	4.1	10.5
175	91	Sovereign	146	149	-1	..	..	39.3
17	11	TR Energy	11	12½	..	..	..	..
6	1	Target	5	7	..	..	..	..
200	119	Triton Europe	132	137	..	..	..	31.3
308	169	Ultramar (aa)	257	259	+14	8.9	3.4	25.5
92	44	Woodside	83	87	..	..	..	..

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
316	205	Antofagasta	272	277	..	16.0	5.8	8.0
54	33	Boustead	44	46	+1	0.9	2.0	20.5
153	117	Crittington	128	135	• ..	10.3b	7.8	10.4
133	76	Finlay (James)	112	115	• ..	5.5	4.8	..
694	548	Harrisons Crosfld (aa)	650	654	•+6	38.7b	5.9	18.2
238	155	Inchcape (aa)	197	199	•-5	9.8	4.9	11.8
427	183	Lonrho Hal	361	364	-8	15.8	4.4	16.9
71	45	Ocean Wilson	44	49	..	3.3	7.0	8.8
355	305	Paterson Zoch	303	308	•-2	10.4	3.4	14.6
355	305	Do 'A'	303	308	•-2	10.4	3.4	14.8
318	221	Polly Peck (aa)	269	273	r -1	16.3b	6.0	6.7
88	52	Sime Darby	74	79	..	..	..	..
108	72	Tozer Kemsley	99	100½	..	3.3	3.3	10.9

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
266	202	Abbott Mead	238	243	+1	6.3	2.6	13.4
44	31	Addison Cons	31	33	..	1.9	5.9	7.4
271	238	Assoc Paper	252	257	..	11.0	4.3	11.3
430	275	BPP	360	400	..	9.9	2.6	22.7
181	106	Barker (Charles)	104	109	-1	4.4	4.1	11.6
226	181	Bemrose	213	217	-2	14.0b	6.5	13.0
301	225	Boase Massimi	228	230	..	9.8b	4.2	11.6
244	155	Brunning	150	160	-3	5.0	3.2	11.7
191	131	Bund (aa)	137	140	-3	7.1	5.1	12.4
770	548	Carlton Comm	627	633	-1	8.1	1.3	24.1
343	263	Chapman	310	335	..	13.3	4.1	12.4
238	173	Cropper (James)	210	225	+3	3.1	1.4	9.8
512	357	DRG	448	451	-3	15.1	3.4	18.8
118	65	Delyn Packaging	85	90	+1	1.6	1.8	17.1
306	251	Ferguson Ind	250	252	•-2	13.8	5.5	11.2
285	189	FKB	283	290	..	8.7	3.0	16.2
395	315	Fitch-RS	323	330	-2	11.3	3.4	11.7
70	33	Geers Gross	48	53	..	..	..	..
270	227	Good Greenless	253	260	+3	7.2	2.8	11.8
397	245	Hunterprint	240	250	-10	10.7	4.4	11.1
143	131	Johnston Press	132	137	+2	1.3	1.0	14.8
307	232	KLP	227	237	..	7.1	3.1	12.4
98	56	Kelson	57	59	..	1.3	2.2	15.3
256	158	Lopex	193	198	-2	7.2	3.7	13.7
414	324	Lowe HS & B	325	327	+2	14.1	4.3	10.9
190	140	MIL Research	145	155	..	5.3	3.5	11.5
292	174	Mere D'Ferrall	264	269	-1	10.4	3.9	13.7
176	121	Norton Opax	152	154	..	5.3	3.5	12.7
16½	12½	Ogilvy & Mather	14	..	+⅛	..	..	..
150	126	Olives Hldgs	160	170	-5	..	..	..
117	85	Paragon Comms	93	98	..	2.7	2.8	10.7
237	185	St Ives Gp	188	192	-4	4.0	2.1	13.0
451	324	Saatchi 10p (aa)	323	325	-2	20.7	6.4	7.1
510	415	Standwick	435	445	..	10.0	2.3	10.6
385	307	Smith David	317	320	..	9.3	2.9	10.2
493	305	Smurfit (Jeff)	372	380	•+1	..	..	..
190	135	UK Paper	173	175	-1	5.3	3.0	10.1
450	232	Usher Walker	417	432	•-3	12.3	2.9	15.1
286	134	VPI Gp	135	138	+2	2.3	1.7	16.4
271	191	WCRS	193	197	+4	5.3	2.7	10.4
633	403	WPP	558	563	•-4	13.7	2.4	20.3
315	172	Wace	258	260	•-4	4.3	1.7	23.2
214	177	Waddington (J)	178	182	• ..	9.2	5.1	12.1
425	304	Watmough	403	413	-2	9.6	2.4	21.5
96	64	Waverley Cam	73	78	+1	0.3	0.4	..
193	136	Yellowhammer	157	162	-1	3.3	2.1	11.9

PROPERTY

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
137	89	Allied Lon	134	136	• ..	3.7	2.7	12.9
228	132	Arlington Secs	162	167	-1	3.1	3.8	11.8
195	106	Asda	162	167	..	8.0	4.8	47.1
132	93	BHH Group	97	99	..	1.7	1.7	18.1
280	193	Bolex Harris	190	200	+2	9.3	4.9	9.7
588	395	Bellon (P)	482	490	•-1	19.0	3.9	26.9
760	565	Bradford	625	645	•-10	18.0	2.8	14.8
263	168	Braden	220	227	..	6.7	3.0	15.1
394	247	Br Land (aa)	350	353	+2	5.3	1.5	19.7
371	218	Bridon	357	360	+2	11.1	3.1	31.9
315	121	Card Gp	290	300	-2	5.3	1.8	21.9
423	318	Cap & Counties	342	352	+2	12.3	3.5	21.1
525	325	Cardiff Prop	400	450	..	2.5	0.6	..
843	553	Chesterfield	800	820	• ..	20.0	2.5	28.0
186	145	Citratle	180	185	• ..	3.7	2.0	16.9
270	170	Citygrove	205	215	..	6.7	3.2	10.7
183	85	Clarke Nickolls	168	173	+1	5.0t	2.9	18.1
297	203	Clayforms	245	252	• ..	11.7	4.7	9.2
380	208	Connells	205	213	..	11.3	5.4	7.9
60	43	Control Secs	48½	50½	•+½	1.0	2.0	11.0
360	288	Cussins	280	300	..	10.1	3.5	61.2
12	725	Dawon	10½	11	..	25.3	2.4	12.1
37½	26½	Dares Estates	27	28	-½	0.9	3.3	19.2
190	118	Debenham Tewson	135	144	+2	6.7	4.8	11.1
131	72	De Morgan	92	97	• ..	4.1	4.3	15.2
222	133	Dencora	188	198	..	4.0	2.1	12.0
640	518	Derwent Hldgs	630	650	-5	7.8	1.2	32.0
74	67½	Dukeminster	68	70	..	1.5	2.2	..
241	143	Egerton Trust	195	200	+1	7.3	3.7	11.5
300	160	Estates & Agency	290	310	..	4.0	1.3	48.7
208	128	Estates Gen	188	193	+3	4.1	2.1	62.6
195	126	Evans Of Leeds	176	180	..	7.3	4.1	14.4
78	51	Five Oaks	54	57	+1	1.7f	3.0	6.1
225	155	Fletcher King	177	187	+5	9.7	5.3	11.0
444	273	Frogmore	434	438	..	13.3	3.1	9.1
325	262	Grainger	440	455	..	4.7	1.0	32.7
394	269	Gt Portland	379	382	• ..	11.1	2.9	35.4
448	259	Greycoat	422	426	..	4.8	1.1	37.2
10⅛	8⅝	Hallwood Gp	8⅝	..	..	..	..	..
116	53	Hambro Countryside	53	58	..	3.8	6.9	7.9
940	582½	Hammerson	933	943	•+2	15.3	1.6	40.4
903	494	Do 'A' (aa)	897	905	•+3	15.3	1.7	38.8
235	141½	Hanover Druce	135	150	•-2	6.0	4.2	12.8
750	575	Hardanger	680	700	-10	30.0	4.4	10.2
370	186	Helical Bar	267	272	+5	5.1	1.9	12.4
180	142	Herman Son	147	152	+2	2.0	1.3	18.3
84	50	Hong Kong Land	80	83	-1	..	..	..
452	340	Imry Merch	448	453	+11	11.3	2.5	28.3
320	125	Jermyn	320	..	..	..	..	..
188	79	Kentish Prop	78	83	..	5.0	6.2	3.7
553	316	Laing Prop	493	500	+3	12.7	2.6	18.7
610	450	Land Sec (aa)	578	580	•+2	17.3	3.0	30.5
555	380	Local Lon	445	455	..	11.3	2.5	13.9
160	109	Lon & Edin Tst	118	121	•+1	3.7	3.1	11.2
122	98	Do 6% Cv	100	102	• ..	8.0	7.9	..
204	137	Lon & Metro	168	173	..	6.9	4.0	10.7
55	34	Lon Securities	44	46	..	0.7	1.6	5.9
308	193	Lon Shop	304	306	..	9.5	3.1	22.2
590	434	MEPC (aa)	552	555	-1	19.3	3.5	25.2
203	183	McInerney	150	175	• ..	..	..	..
205	150	McKay Secs	200	210	• ..	6.4	3.1	25.5
95	60	Markheath	64	67	..	4.7	7.1	11.7
92	47	Marler	80	83	+2	0.8	1.0	24.0
498	285	Marvale Moore	480	495	..	9.3	1.9	10.7
140	90	Merlin Ind	110	115	+1	5.3	4.7	6.0
135	130	Moorfield Estates	117	122	..	4.2	3.5	12.8
181	128	Mountleigh	176	178	-4	5.0	2.8	7.9
16	975	Mountview	14⅛	15⅛	..	12.7	0.8	10.7
198	133	Muckiow (A&J)	188	192	• ..	9.9	5.2	17.9
120	83	New Cavendish	98	103	• ..	2.0	2.0	78.3
35	17⅛	Osbery Est	19	20	-½	0.7	3.6	18.8
148	83	Parkdale	82	85	+1	3.2	3.8	..
145	86	Peninsular Prop	115	120	-1	2.6	2.2	..
155	88	Power Corp	132	142	+2	..	..	..
424	280	Priest Marians	408	418	•+4	4.4	1.1	10.1
201	130	Prop Security	178	182	..	4.3b	2.4	33.7
24	11	Raglan	12	13½	r +½	0.2	1.5	..
217	109	Regalian	110	114	•-3	5.3	4.7	8.8
793	513	Rosehaugh	568	574	•-16	2.1	0.4	16.5
335	180	Rush & Tompkins	325	335	..	16.7	5.1	10.5
151	114	Scot Met	146	148	•-1	6.8	4.6	23.8
193	118	Shaftsbury	188	193	..	1.3	0.7	7.4
91	52	Sheraton Secs	74	78	-1	4.3	5.7	12.1
145	85	Smeld	62	67	-3	4.0	6.2	10.5
110	76	Sinclair Goldsmith	75	80	+2	4.0	5.1	9.3
335	232	Slough Estates (aa)	313	317	..	10.4	3.3	20.8
189	142	Southend Prop	153	158	..	0.5	0.3	31.4
404	268	Speyhawk	307	312	+3	15.3	4.9	11.1
100	88	Town Centre	95	99	• ..	2.0	2.1	31.8
255	127	Trafford Park	210	220	..	6.3	2.9	32.9
838	400	UK Land	740	765	+5	6.7	0.9	30.2
74	39	Union Square	42	45	..	0.7	1.6	16.2
270	183	Warner	235	245	..	7.6	3.2	40.0
12	825	Warnford	11½	11⅞	..	28.0	2.4	34.7
145	85	Warrington	93	103	-3	..	..	..
154	100	Waterglade	103	113	..	5.3	4.9	8.0
189	159	Wates	174	178	..	3.7	2.1	40.6
68½	48	Webb (Jos)	63	64	..	1.3	2.0	..
200	133	West & Country	190	200	..	2.9	1.5	7.6

SHIPPING

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
566	438	Assoc Br Ports	468	472	-2	11.3	2.4	14.2
393	320	Caledonia	353	360	-1	10.7	3.0	40.8
186	135	Clarkson (H)	157	162	..	7.3	4.6	15.8
151	71	Fisher (James)	138	143	..	5.1	3.6	21.6
785	140	Graig	145	155	..	5.3	3.5	48.3
89	69	Jacobs (JI)	78	81	..	5.6	7.0	..
493	283	Mersey Docks	468	470	-1½	..	..	27.2
300	231	Ocean Transport	250	257	..	14.3	5.6	9.9
620	301	P & O Dfd (aa)	534	538	-1	31.3	5.8	12.8
152	113	P & O 5.5%	123	128	-2	7.3	5.8	..
355	208	Runciman (Walter)	333	338	•+1	10.7	3.2	15.9
445	313	Tiphook	440	445	r -1	7.2	1.6	14.5
228	108	Turnbull Scott	223	233	..	6.0	2.6	17.5

SHOES, LEATHER

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
85	62	Headlam Sims	60	67	..	1.3	2.0	17.4
270	108	Lambert Howarth	115	125	..	11.3	9.4	4.4
308	145	Pittard Garnar	188	195	• ..	7.9	4.1	9.9
285	200	Strong & Fisher	230	235	-1	16.0	6.9	7.1
300	235	Stylo	250	270	..	6.7	2.6	..

TEXTILES

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
380	300	Allied Text	332	337	-1	12.8	3.8	16.0
285	228	Beale (John)	245	255	-3	8.4	3.4	9.5
118	98	Beckman (A)	95	100	•-2	7.8	7.8	11.4
71	34	Bolton	52	55	-1	..	..	..
211	180	Br Mohair	197	200	..	10.0	5.0	8.6
88	55	Corah	71	72½	..	.. e	..	..
355	241½	Courtaulds (aa)	244	246	•+1	16.2	6.6	8.5
246	186	Dawson	186	189	+1	10.7	5.7	9.5
130	87	Drummond	99	102	+2	4.1	4.1	6.3
164	106	Foster (John)	132	137	•-1	6.7	5.0	8.7
211	165	Gaskell Broadloom	182	202	-3	8.2	4.7	9.7
85	51	Hicking Pentecost	78	79	..	0.7	0.9	18.6
226	128	Ingworth	163	167	-1	6.0	3.6	12.2
279	170	Jerome (S)	215	220	r -3	9.5	4.4	8.9
314	229	Lamont	231	234	-2	10.3	4.4	8.9
405	285	Leeds	320	330	..	8.8	2.7	11.4
142	110	Lister	134	137	-1	5.3	3.9	8.8
84	68	Lyles (S)	67	71	•-2	4.7	6.8	8.2
349	250	Mackay (Hugh)	248	258	+1	8.3	3.7	11.8
57	41	Munton	41	44	+1	..	..	..
210	163	Parkland 'A'	162	166	• ..	7.9	4.8	8.9
81	62	Readicut	64	65	+½	3.9	6.0	8.9
171	132½	SEET	132	137	..	7.1	5.3	13.8
128	97	Sirdar	106	108	-1	6.9	6.4	13.5
120	90	Smallshaw (R)	90	100	• ..	4.0	4.2	8.3
75	41	Stoddard	40	44	..	3.1	7.4	2.4
212	138	Textured Jersey	135	140	..	3.3	8.7	8.2
585	412	Tomkinsons	455	470	•+5	14.0	3.0	8.5
123	52	Toottal	101	102	•+1	6.1	6.0	9.2
53	0⅞	West Trust	32	35	-2	.. f	..	..
250	193	Yorklyde	222	232	• ..	11.0	4.8	7.8

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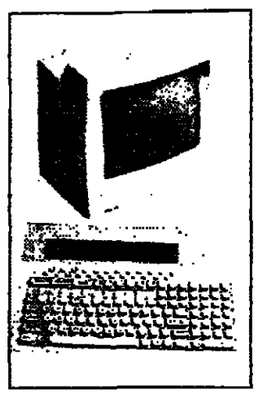
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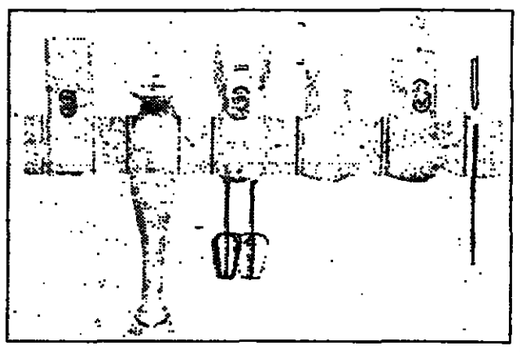


Creative insecurity

The definitions between design and advertising people are becoming blurred. Deyan Sudjic finds the evidence in the latest *D&AD Annual*







Top: Studio Dumbar for the Holland Festival; above, Clarks press ad by BMP



Winner: Dumbar's Dutch treat

Pentagram's designs featured in the annual for, top, Reuters and, above, Kenwood

OPINION

Two worlds, divided by an unbridgeable gulf of envy mingled with contempt, tiptoe toward the edge of mutual incomprehension in the glossy pages of the *1988 British Design and Art Direction Annual*. On one side are the designers, distant descendants of the pipe-smoking Festival of Britain classes, who still carry a lingering trace of the sense of social responsibility that is a product of a curiously English tradition of progressive *noblesse oblige*. On the other side are the advertising men with cultural pretensions who confusingly insist on calling themselves art directors. Art directors are natural basketball-boot types, even when they have shed their letter sweaters and stubble for Paul Smith suits. They inhabit an industry characterized by colossal self esteem.

The narcissism of the advertising industry is tempered only by insecurity. Hence its addiction, to grandiloquent job descriptions, stupefying salaries, and tediously drunken ceremonies in which men in dinner jackets congratulate each other on having achieved greatness. But the nagging doubt remains that perhaps a career devoted to selling dog food is not a fit life for a grown man. A nagging doubt that designers might have something that the art directors haven't.

The trouble, of course, is that designers are trying to rid themselves of the herbivorous image. They want to go around giving each other short fat yellow pencils, calling themselves creative group heads, and go for full stock market listings, too. They want to wear pinstripes, brogues and braces. They even want to sound like advertising men — hence all that stuff about "pitching", "positioning" and "strategic planning". By this definition, design could be characterized as anything that sells more product.

This year's *D&AD Annual* reflects the nuances that underlie this curiously fluctuating landscape. Until recently it has been dominated by the advertising industry. But the annual now includes sections for product design and interiors, alongside the television commercials, the pop videos and the Press ads.

Moreover, the president of the Designers and Art Directors Association is Gert Dumbar, a Dutch graphic designer and former professor at the Royal College of Art. Clearly the D&AD is making major steps to increase its credibility with the designers.

In fact, the product design section of the annual this year is a model for the rest of the book. It is admirably concise in describing exactly what is being shown, whether it is a pencil sharpener by Ken Grange or a solar powered lantern. The judges have even refrained from handing out a yellow pencil award, to show how serious they are about setting a high standard.

In other sections the freshest work was in the subversive graphic design of Gert Dumbar, whose work for the Holland Festival was both memorable and original.

Unfortunately too much of the interior design work submitted seemed to have been content with apeing what it sees as the advertising way of doing things. Paradoxically, of course, the advertising side aspires more and more self-consciously to being "creative". Another failure of minds to meet.

The author is editor of Blueprint *magazine.*

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Santa with claws

Publishers want books to be all-year gifts, Alasdair Riley reports

If publishers' instincts are correct, we are now a nation of cat-lovers. Two years ago they went to the dogs. Last December it was humour. But this Christmas the fur is flying in the trade as cat books fight to become impulse-buy stocking-fillers.

There are more than 50 newly-published feline titles, covering the spectrum of humour, whimsy, histories, photography, painting and how-to manuals, as well as another 30 back-list titles, clawing for prime territory beside cash tills. But the latest pet theme is having to struggle even harder to provide publishers' profits.

According to Peter Harland, director of Bookwatch, the organization which monitors the best-selling end of publishing and bookselling, Christmas sales are down 3 or 4 per cent on last year.

"And the book-buying public is proving itself price-sensitive. Based on the best-sellers which we track, our indices show that cheaper books are selling better."

'Allo, 'Allo: The War Diaries of René Artois, by John Haseldon (BBC, £5.95), riding on the back of the hit TV series, has been number one in *The Bookseller* lists for three weeks. It is described by one retailer as "a good package at a good price".

Humour is an increasingly competitive market, with fewer titles making an impact on best-seller lists than in previous years. This has not stopped publishers taking an expensive leap on to the bandwagon in the hope of coming up with the handful of runaway successes which this category usually throws up.

Humour is a serious business. Penguin is reported to have paid the comedian Harry Enfield £100,000 for *Wad And Peeps* (£3.99) without a word being written, but it has yet to prove that it will make loadsamoney.

'Allo, 'Allo's only problem is its success. Demand has outstripped supply. Booksellers are reluctant to risk over-ordering and being left with post-Christmas stocks which even a spate of book tokens cannot shift. Publishers are reluctant to gamble on expensive re-print runs, only to be left with over-stocked warehouses.

'We took a gamble that we had a blockbuster on our hands'

The expensive exception among best-selling hardbacks is *Chronicle of the Twentieth Century* (Longman/Chronicle, £29.95), the nine-and-three-quarter pound back-breaker which has sold well over 100,000 units so far. It is currently number one in the W.H. Smith best-seller list — which, unlike other lists, is based on sales rather than books shipped into the shops.

David Crane, Longman's sales marketing director, says: "We are confident we have got the print-run just right. We sold out the first print-run of 90,000 on publication in September — but had to press the buton for the reprint of 80,000 several weeks before that.

"We took a well-informed gamble that we had a blockbuster on our hands before we had sold even one book. It has turned out to be this year's Christmas present for Dad. The entire run of 170,000 is worth £5 million retail. There will not be any copies of *Chronicle of the Twentieth Century* left in our warehouse by the end of this week, but there will be sufficient in the shops to sell right up to Christmas — just."

More than 50,000 new titles are published in the UK every year. The home trade is worth more than £1,000 million retail. And between a quarter and one-third of all book purchases are in the run-up to December 25.

Now the trade is exploring ways of persuading Christmas-only buyers to spend money in bookshops at other times. The Book Marketing Council is launching a "books as gifts" campaign based around calender events. First off is a pilot promotion for Mother's Day 1989 to persuade sons and daughters to think of books as well as flowers. It is being launched through Pentos outlets (Athena, Dillons, Ryman) and, depending on results, participation throughout the trade is planned for 1990.

The BMC has also commissioned the biggest-ever survey into book buying and reading habits in the UK. It has appointed the British Marketing Research Bureau, which will conduct 5,400 interviews over the next three years on issues such as price and availability, as well as consumer perceptions about books of all kinds.

Buying up the airwaves

A new report throws fresh light on who really controls British television

If Television South (TVS) stopped worrying about stripping Italian housewives, it might be concerned about rapacious Latins in its midst. OK, we are only talking about two French companies which happen to be by far its largest shareholders. Générale d'Images, with 12.44 per cent, is the media arm of Compagnie Générale des Eaux, one of the French water utilities busily buying up its British counterparts. Canal Plus, the successful pay-TV company, has a further 12.44 per cent, while clients of Banque Nationale de Paris also have a small stake.

The extent of French penetration of TVS is one of the useful pieces of information in *British Television: A Controllers' Profile*, published by Fulcrum Publishing. The report lists the major corporate share stakes in all British ITV franchise holders and seeks to identify the ultimate holding companies.

Fulcrum is run by two journalists — Christopher Hird, former Insight editor on *The Sunday Times*, and Richard Belfield, a former *World in Action* producer. As well as providing financial information, Fulcrum produces TV programmes, including a new gay and lesbian current affairs series, to be shown on Channel 4 in the spring.

Of the British media companies, *The Guardian* obviously has not given up on TV ambitions with its 5 per cent stake in Anglia. W.H. Smith and Pearson Group have the two largest holdings in Yorkshire TV.

The Mirror Group is a big shareholder in Border, with 15 per cent, along with Cumbrian Newspapers (18.5 per cent). Its sister company, Pergamon, has 20 per cent of Central, in which Carlton Communications and D.C. Thomson have only slightly smaller stakes.

Some of these holdings may have to be divested when the Government legislates on its recent Broadcasting White Paper. However — and this is the special value of this report — the ultimate controllers of our airwaves are not the media moguls, but the banks and their associated fund management companies.

Andrew Lycett

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MEDIA & MARKETING



The face of change: Joyce Hopkirk at the editor's desk of her magazine

She who must be a success

The award-winning editor of *SHE* talks to Sally Brompton

When Joyce Hopkirk was invited to edit *SHE*, her image of the veteran women's magazine was of bizarre human interest stories – including the infamous article on eating placenta. "I had a vague idea that *SHE* was a features magazine with a strange sense of humour," she recalls.

In her two years as editor she has so transformed the 34-year-old monthly magazine that she was last week judged to be Women's Magazine Editor of the Year by her peers in the British Society of Magazine Editors (BSME).

At the awards ceremony, the society's chairwoman, Dee Nolan, editor of the *Sunday Express Magazine*, applauded the fact that Hopkirk has maintained *SHE*'s "quirky originality without bowing to stereotypes or mimicking other titles", adding that the editorial has become "innovative and stylish."

For Hopkirk who, as editor of *Cosmopolitan*, won the BSME's Editor of the Year award in 1972, it was particularly satisfying "because the runners-up were *Cosmopolitan* and *Elle* and I have been associated with both of them". Since taking over *SHE*, she has increased its circulation (average age of reader 38.4) from less than 200,000 to more than 212,000.

The BSME, which has 190 members, presents five categories of awards each year. The selection is based upon nominations both by society members and non-member editors. Any publication may be nominated. The overall title of Editor of the Year is voted for by members and was this year won by Maggie Goodman of *Hello*.

At a time when women's magazines are proliferating, *SHE*'s rising circulation and acclaim within the media is a remarkable tribute to its editor and her team. With more than 200 women's magazines on the market, the competition is cut-throat. Recent invaders, many from overseas, such as *Elle*, *New Woman*, *Prima*, *Bella* and *Best*, are challenging traditional titles.

"There does seem to be a sort of unending appetite which amazes me," Hopkirk says. "I don't feel personally threatened because I think we are lucky that *SHE* is in such a unique slot. The only way for us to survive is to be slightly different."

Hopkirk finds that she is able to relate to *SHE*'s readers. "I feel I'm talking to my sort of woman who has too much on her plate." Married for the second time, with two children aged 22 and 13, she leaves her Hertfordshire house at 7am and returns at 8pm.

She rose, from cub reporter on the *Gateshead Post*, to become royal reporter on the *Daily Express*, assistant editor of the *Daily Mirror*, women's editor of *The Sunday Times* and editorial director for the launch of *Elle*. She admits that she was "rather disappointed" not to have become Fleet Street's first woman editor.

One of the first things she did when she took over *SHE* was to banish "all those black and white advertisements for piles". She then set about taking the magazine up market.

She has broken with the *SHE* tradition of using "untargeted" amateur contributions but still receives sackfuls of manuscripts every week. Recent "gems" included the one from a magistrate who, stuck in a snow drift, suffering from mastitis, suckled her new-born baby on the family dog.

Taking the sober view

American television unites against the drunken driver for Christmas

The three US television networks have relaxed their deadly rivalry to join forces on a powerful Christmas anti-drinking and driving campaign. In both public service announcements and in specially-written episodes of their prime-time programmes, CBS, NBC and ABC are all focusing on the "designated driver" – the person who remains sober to safely drive his or her drinking companions home.

"This is the first time all three networks have agreed to sponsor simultaneous public service campaigns promoting an identical message," says Jay Winsten, director for the Centre for Health Communication at the Harvard University School of Public Health. The centre has masterminded the designated driver campaign, and persuaded the networks to incorporate the message in their programmes.

Winsten was helped by the television supremo Grant Tinker and the former CBS president Frank Stanton. They introduced him to almost 100 writers and producers at the large Hollywood studios and found that "the overwhelming majority responded enthusiastically". So far, 15 prime-time programmes, including the popular sitcoms *Who's The Boss* and *Mr Belvedere*, and the cop show *Hunter*, have included dialogue, and in some cases entire plots, involving the designated driver theme. More programmes will address the issue in future.

"If it got in the way of the entertainment value, I assume they wouldn't do it," Winsten says. "But some producers have obviously found dramatic potential in the theme."

Over the holiday period, each network also plans to air its own public service spots approximately 20 times a week, mostly in prime-time. To help make the spots more effective, CBS commissioned research from Saatchi & Saatchi. "This showed that, to appeal to young people, we should not make the designated driver an authoritative or parental figure," says Matthew Margo, CBS vice-president for programme practices, New York.

"We feel the alcohol problem is a lot broader than merely reinforcing the idea of the designated driver, but we're squarely behind that message because we feel it is achievable." Margo says CBS also forbids the glamorization of alcohol in its programmes, and insists on showing the negative effects of over-consumption. NBC claims it has been broadcasting public service messages to that effect for a decade.

But Winsten insists that the current campaign "isn't only about alcohol use – it's about changing social norms relating to driving after drinking. Public opinion surveys show that those norms are already changing. We believe we can change them further through the mass media. By reflecting changing attitudes, television can reinforce them and add momentum to them."

The need, he insists, is great. According to statistics, 24,000 Americans die, and a further 55,000 receive serious injuries, as a result of alcohol-related traffic accidents.

Winsten is optimistic about the effects of the television campaign. Attitudes are already changing, he says. Even in recent programmes dealing with the issue of drunk driving, not all producers acted in direct response to the Harvard campaign. For example, a few weeks ago, at the beginning of the new television season, the writers of NBC's newest hit sitcom, *Roseanne*, had on their own initiative relocated the neighbourhood bar by a few miles, so the men who regularly stopped in for a drink after work could all walk home.

Sue Woodman

BYLINES

Problems writ large

The editor of *The Independent*, Andreas Whittam Smith, is faced with legal action after an article in his paper reappeared in the *Observer*. The problem began when Harrods store owners, House of Fraser Holdings, complained to the Press Council alleging that *The Independent* carried a defamatory article written by the chairman of the Broadcasting Standards Council, Lord Rees-Mogg. The piece, published early last month, referred to Tiny Rowland and the takeover of Harrods by the Al Fayed brothers. House of Fraser was prepared to let the matter rest after the paper published a letter. But the company is now threatening legal action because Whittam Smith allowed Lonrho to reproduce the offending article in a series of advertisements – one of which has appeared in Lonrho's own newspaper, the *Observer*. This, coupled with Whittam Smith's recent announcement that there is not going to be a *Sunday Independent*, has fuelled speculation that *The Independent* is back in discussions about buying the *Observer*.

Infelicitous

As a senior executive at *The Daily Telegraph* so delicately put it: "The editing chemistry between Max and Felicity did not work well."

Indeed, there has been considerable friction between Max Hastings, the editor of the *Telegraph*, and Felicity Lawrence since her magazine moved from Sunday to Saturday and came under the aegis of the daily paper.

The announcement that she would cease to be editor closely followed the British Society of Magazine Editors' Awards results. These named her as editor of the year in the colour supplements section, to the astonishment of many magazine watchers who believed that the editors of *You* and *The Sunday Times* magazine were stronger contenders.

However, a solution was found with her appointment to a new post called Head of Development, Magazines, which is directly responsible to chief executive Andrew Knight. "The *Telegraph* has long been looking at the possibilities of expanding into magazines which would complement the newspapers," he said. Lawrence will continue to edit until the New Year.

Lloyd's belles

As if it had not drama enough, Lloyd's of London may become the focus of a television mini-series. Two independent approaches have so far been agreed in principle by Lloyd's, one from the BBC to be co-produced with an American company, the other from the US-based company, Flying High. Both are now busy talking to underwriters, brokers, loss adjustors and claims investigators about the series.

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Jane Slade

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The first concerns loyalty. In all honesty: we have yet to meet a good consultant who was not also a supreme advocate for their own employer. Professional pride in one's own set up is admirable. Yet how often is it warranted? Is your company as uncompromising in its support of you as you are of it?
The other point concerns career progress. The professional is often the last to benefit from his own skill and expertise. In your case, you spend each day of the week advising others. But how often do you pause to consider your own career? Are you gaining in reward, respect and recognition? Are you appreciating, as well as appreciated, as a consultant?
If not, then perhaps we should talk quite soon — off the record, informally whenever and wherever suits you best. Telephone Louise Bradley in confidence on 01-493 0713 or write to me at 10 Dover Street, London W1X 4LB

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£ Excellent + mortgage subsidy + bonus. Victoria

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If you are educated to 'A' level standard and are numerate, have shorthand of 100 wpm and good word processing skills, then we would like to hear from you. Knowledge of, or the potential to learn, graphics, Lotus and basic research techniques is also highly desirable

If you are a self-starter who enjoys working in a fast paced environment, then please call Sharon Lucas or Pandit Crite of our Human Resources Group between the hours of 12.00pm - 2.00pm on 01-721 2459

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£9,500 - £11,000

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Starting Salary c. £16,000

The charismatic, entrepreneurial MD of this Italian, "high finance" company, based in superb Knightsbridge offices, requires *the top level support of an* exceptional PA.

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Your secretarial skills, including shorthand, are taken as read but the actual typing content is low. However, your social and inter-personal skills will be of paramount importance in this challenging yet highly rewarding position.

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Recruitment Consultants
01-491 7100

Target – 1992

circa £18,500 package

Imagine for a moment, the size of the challenge. . . . Our client, one of the world's leading Merchant Banking groups, seeks a French speaking individual for an exceptional senior role. As Secretary to their charismatic MD, your diplomacy and professionalism will be called upon at all times to liaise with major institutions and clients worldwide. Already working at senior level – ideally in a banking environment – skills of 90/55 and impeccable presentation are taken as read. Age 27-35. High fliers only please. Call 01-493 5787.

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Intelligent, bright and flexible person required, with the ability to work happily for a wide variety of people, maintaining absolute pace and discretion at all times.

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£13,000

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This is an excellent opportunity for someone who wants to work in a challenging London Style environment, in prestigious offices without the hassle of commuting! You should be educated to 'A' level, a car driver and with skills of 80/60 audio.

Age: 25-35

PICCADILLY OFFICE
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£12,500 + exc benefits

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SALARY EXCELLENT!

Exciting and challenging role as PA to Director of International Communications Company.

Varied and responsible position which will involve you in full range of secretarial and administrative duties.

Excellent skills, 100/50, *required*, and pleasant telephone manner with the confidence to handle business and social arrangements.

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The Secretarial Consultants

TO £25,000
PA/EXECUTIVE

For London Office of Chairman of International Company. This exacting position, which is based in the West End, will only suit a very experienced and mature personality. Age 30+. Languages desirable and superb organisational skills are essential. Please apply in own handwriting with full C.V. to BOX H75, Ref LM.

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£11,500 package

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80/50

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Recruitment Consultants
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01-581 4787 TM 01-584 3222

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Full involvement in development of the firm will be offered.

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01-580 0855 Switchboard
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Senior Partner of 100 person City based construction and property consultancy seeks experienced PA to organise his challenging workload. In addition to your superb secretarial (including WP and shorthand) and organisational skills you must have proven experience at senior level, a good education and above all a sense of humour. Poise, initiative and a confidential manner approach are required for this varied and rewarding position. Working knowledge of German an advantage. Excellent conditions and highly competitive salary.

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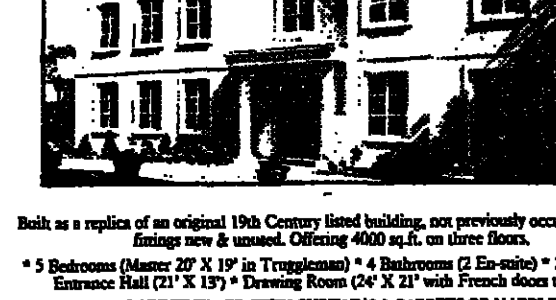
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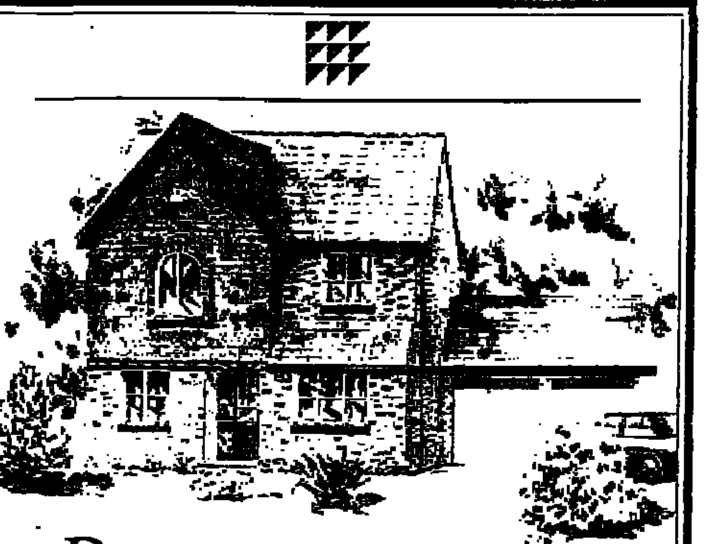
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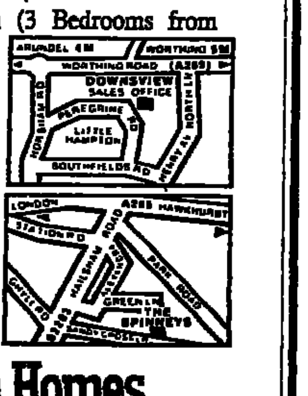
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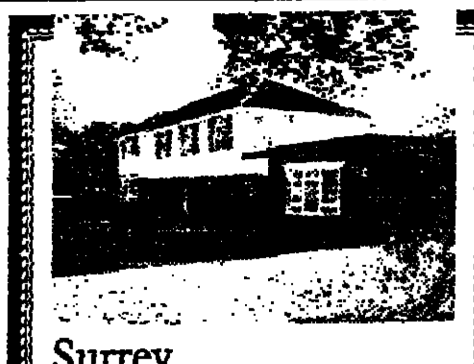
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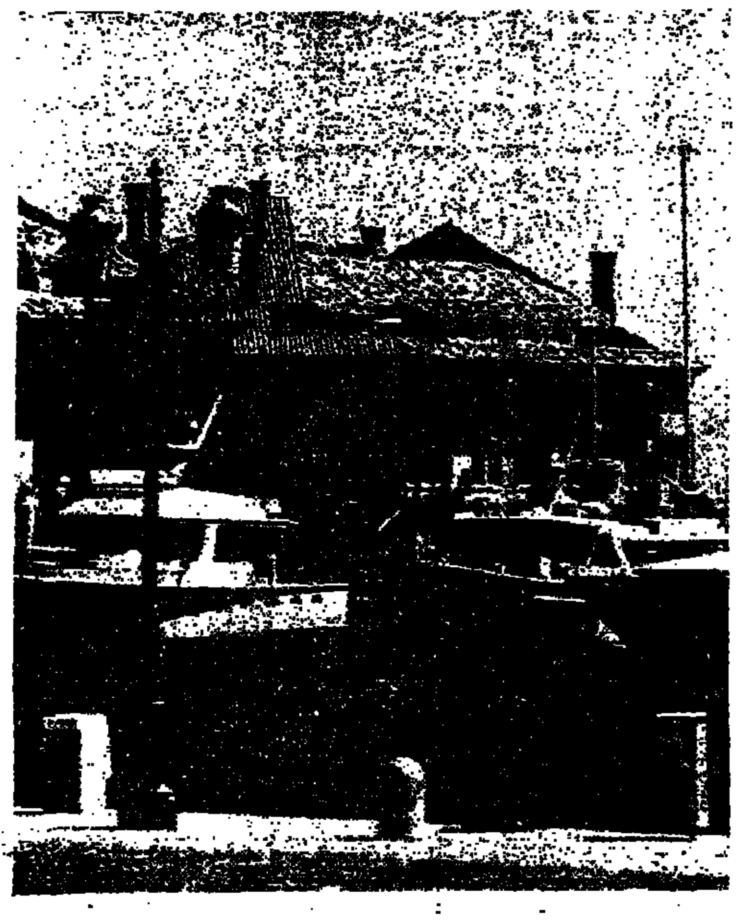
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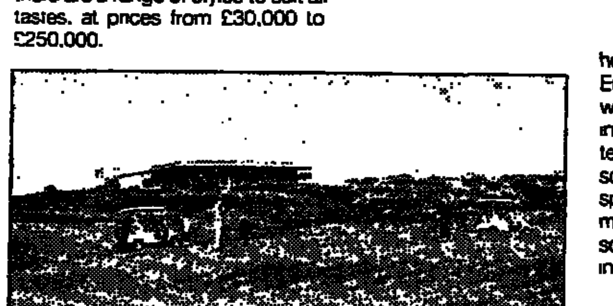
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Diana Wildman finds opportunities to buy in a land where property is often denied to foreign purchasers

Swiss property purchasing continues to become more restrictive every year. At the end of 1987 the canton of Valais voted to stop sales to foreigners on all properties except those that had an agreed buyer or had already received authorization to sell some units to non-Swiss. Since 1983, when permanent quotas for such sales were established, the annual number of properties licensed for sale to foreigners has slowly diminished. In 1986 the quota set by the federal council was 2,000 homes. This year it is 1,800, and for 1989-90 it is expected to drop to 1,600.

As it happens, last Sunday a proposal in a national referendum to restrict sales to non-Swiss even further was defeated.

Selling a Swiss property for a non-Swiss is equally restrictive. Most cantons allowing sales to non-Swiss have imposed conditions including imposing a timespan of at least five years after purchase and then sales can be made only to a Swiss national.

Purchasing procedures are, however, straightforward and all formalities can be completed in less than two months, provided authorization for the sale is granted from Berne. Purchasing costs 4.5 and 5 per cent.

Property is, by definition, expensive, the Swiss franc still being one of the world's strongest currencies. You could buy a unit in a hotel, which restricts the *owner to a maximum of 200 days'* use a year. It then reverts to the hotel's rental pool when not required, thus bringing in income that should cover all annual outgoings. This seems a good compromise.

Because of the restrictions over purchasing there are now few areas outside the mountain resorts — and even fewer allocations in commercial centres — so the chance to buy into an aparthotel in Montreux, alongside Lake Geneva, is rare. At the moment there are two such hotels in Montreux selling studios and suites.

Aparthotel Bonivard, to the east of Montreux, overlooking the Château de Chillon, was built 120 years ago in typical 19th-century heavy Gothic style. Conversion into an aparthotel started in the early 1980s but marketing began in earnest only when the Bonivard was acquired earlier this year by Dr Christian Rey, of Rentimo SA.

There are now 76 studios and one-, two- and three-bedroom suites, of which 55 remain for sale, and, because of the age of the hotel, all units are spacious. All



Lakeside living: At Aparthotel Bonivard in Montreux there are still 55 apartments or studios for sale.

have a kitchen, an entrance hall, a reception area and magnificent views of either the lake or the mountains.

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Just a five-minute stroll past the Château du Chillon, Osbornes is selling 26 studios to foreign purchasers in the Marines de Villeneuve Hotel, which is on the edge of the lake itself. In total contrast to the Bonivard, the hotel has just been completed. The units are far more compact and the minimum 150-day requirement to let the hotel have use of the room does not apply here, though in practice the management believes purchasers will want their rooms rented in their absence.

Facilities at the hotel include shops, a restaurant, bars and an adjacent swimming pool complex. All the studios are south-facing over the lake and have a balcony or terrace, and prices, which depend on size and view, vary from £75,000 to £200,000. Adjacent to the hotel are 12 two- and three-bedroom apartments ranging from £300,000 to £495,000. Completion is due next spring.

This is the time of year when thoughts turn towards skiing, and Simon Malster, a partner in Osbornes, the London solicitors, finds demand high in resorts within easy reach of Geneva airport as purchasers can consider weekend skiing as well as using their home for holiday weeks.

Villars, 90 minutes from Geneva, has a number of schemes for sale by Osbornes. This agent has authorization to sell in apartment blocks built chalet-style in Villars itself and in some of the tiny villages linked to Villars, either by mountain train or telecabine. Mr Malster is finding that a number of the units for sale are being reserved off-plan.

He says: "We have always found that apartments in chalet style buildings sell from the top downwards and the demand for the best units is such that clients are now reserving them as much as two years in advance of completion."

One such apartment block is the Résidence Chaperon Rouge, which consists of two chalets with 14 apartments in each. The foundations are now being laid in the first chalet, which is due for completion in December 1989 and where seven of the units have already been sold. Four units in the second chalet, which will not *be completed until spring 1990*, are also sold.

Prices range from £47,000 for a studio to £196,000 for a three-bedroom duplex and the purchase price is payable by instalments. Mortgages are available through a Swiss bank for up to 70 per cent of the purchase price repayable over 33 years. *Although interest rates* are an attractive 6.5 per cent, this is repayable in Swiss francs, and should the pound fall against it payments, of course, will become more expensive.

Osbornes has just started off-plan sales at the Résidence Impérial, which will be right in the centre of Villars within easy walking distance of the ski installations. All apartments are south-facing and have either a balcony or private terrace.

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For those requiring a home in Villars for immediate occupation, Résidence Aigle Royal, just outside the town, has two one-bedroom apartments available costing £85,000 and one two-bedroom unit at £120,000. In the centre of town is the Résidence Rêves des Alpes, a small chalet-style building divided into four apartments, of which one two-bedroom ground-floor home is still for sale. There is a large basement area that could easily be converted into a third bedroom, a second bathroom and a games or *study area. The price is £200,000.*

Finger SA, of Villars, is now building seven individual chalets in the Domaine de la Résidence area of the town on the ski area above the town. Osbornes expects to obtain permission to sell four of these to foreign purchasers. The chalets will be on three floors. Three bedrooms will be on the top floor, the reception area on the ground floor with a terrace looking towards the valley, and a basement that has natural light and *could be used as a games room*, a sauna or children's sleeping accommodation.

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CRICKET: AS WEST INDIES BEAT AUSTRALIA TO GO TWO UP IN THE TEST SERIES, DOMESTIC ATTENTION CENTRES ON LORD'S AND THE GENTLEMEN OF THE TCCB

Restoration of pride tops the agenda

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

As far as the game in England is concerned, the main action of the winter begins at Lord's today. Circumstances dictate that cricket is presently preoccupied more with talk than play, and the state of the England team will both shape and motivate much of the debate at the two-day meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB).

International politics, from which there is no hiding place in modern cricket, will again exert an influence, the potentially cataclysmic meeting of the International Cricket Conference in January being impossible to ignore. Although the United Kingdom's stance on South African contact will inevitably be aired, firm commitments and decisions are not anticipated. This meeting will concern itself more with national issues: the failure of England at Test level and effective means of restoring pride and power.

Virtually all the main items on the agenda are direct or indirect reflection of the most humbling period in England's Test history. If, as every delegate will claim, there is a united determination to reform and revive, then a package of sweeping changes will be bulldozed through. For a variety of reasons, not all of them worthy, this is unlikely to transpire.

The crux of the matter is the constitution of the TCCB. If it was an autonomous body of unaffiliated professional men, things would be different. Instead, it is made up of representatives from the 17 counties, each of whom have their parochial axes to grind, certain of which could be openly detrimental to the long-term interests of the England team.

This is the dilemma facing the delegates. Can they, as exorted by the TCCB chairman, Raman Subba Row, leave behind their local prejudices and think of England? Or are we to be given a familiar fudging of the important issues, papered over with brave words and faint promises?

There are welcome signs that some, at least, of the major matters are at last to be tackled in a businesslike way. The quality, or rather the scandalous inconsistency, of county pitches, has been having a serious effect on playing standards for some years now: degrading good batsmen and inflating modest bowlers.

Various punitive measures for offending clubs will be discussed, heavy fines included, but the likeliest resolution appears to be a deduction of 25 points for a rogue pitch; the umpires and a pitch inspector to be judge and jury.

Positive action is less imminent on the sensitive subject of overseas players. Illustrious voices were regularly raised on this one last summer, Peter May and Micky Stewart, moguls of the England side, lobbying against the imports' influence while, predictably, certain of those who have profited most from the system were loud in support of the status quo.

The widespread and logical objection is to the increasing practice of clubs registering two overseas players and operating a rota system. This is not only a dubious abuse of the spirit of the regulations but a serious disincentive to young, home-grown players, two or three of whom may be sacrificed to find the cash for the second foreigner. The relevant law needs urgent attention to restrict each county to one registration.

Changes in the county programme can be more immediate, if the desire is there. The four-day experiment polarized the game's leading figures at the start of the year, many players being sceptical and many administrators hostile. Brief though the trial has been, I now know of very few players who would not welcome an increase or even a monopoly of four-day games in the championship while most of those in the committee rooms who were against the idea have also modified their stance.

There is no doubt in my mind that the best way ahead is the bravest; turning the championship into an authentic competition of 16 four-day matches, scheduled so that England players are available for all but two or three of them. Once again, however, I sense compromise in the air and expect the reactionaries to force an extension of the present, confusingly mixed, programme.

The longest and most heated debates will concern personalities. The question of selectors, their scope, power and numbers, must be raised following the resignation of May as chairman, while the high-level campaign to declare Graeme Hick an Englishman ahead of his time will arouse some fierce emotions.

My own views are plain. Hick was given the bonus of a three-year cut in his qualification period only 12 months ago, and I can see no valid reason for reducing it further unless you count the selfish fact that he would make England a better and more attractive side. As to the selectors, it is high time the old-style panel was disbanded, the picking of the team given over to a manager and captain, with two recent players, Fletcher and Gifford spring to mind, as retained advisers.

Although my information is that Hick will probably be obliged to wait his turn, I fear, however, that selection will remain under the influence of a traditional chairman, quite probably one who last donned flannels 30 years or more ago.

Hopes fade as Kapil strikes

From Javed Akhtar, Hyderabad

India outclassed New Zealand to win the third Test by 10 wickets and the series 2-1 with more than a day and a half to spare at the Lal Bahadur stadium here yesterday. A leg-glance boundary, his fourth four in an unbeaten 18, by Srikkanth off Kuggeleijn took India to victory after New Zealand had been bowled out for 124 in their second innings. It was India's twelfth win against New Zealand in 28 meetings and New Zealand's lowest score in India.

Wright, the New Zealand captain, was the last man out when he checked an on-drive and offered a return catch to Shastri. His 62 included 10 fours and came off 190 balls in just under four hours. But as he kept one end intact wickets fell regularly at the other.

Resuming at 65 for three, New Zealand needed 39 runs to wipe out India's first-innings lead, but soon started to lose wickets. Greatbatch played for the leg break to a Hirwani flipper and was adjudged leg-before; Blain was snapped up at silly mid-off to give Hirwani a second wicket in six balls.

Ayub, who had opened with Hirwani, was rewarded for his accuracy when Kuggeleijn was caught at long-on, leaving New Zealand 80 for six.

Wright and Hadlee, the two left-handers, were then concerned in a stand which appeared to revive New Zealand. Hadlee did not allow the slow bowlers to dominate him, going back to drive Hirwani for three fours and then lofting Ayub's off-spin way over long-off. He contributed 31 of the 38 runs for the seventh wicket.

With the batsmen having mastered the spinners, Vengsarkar called upon Kapil Dev to provide the breakthrough; two wickets in his first over sufficed. He had Hadlee slashing at one that moved away. More taking the simplest of catches, and with his next ball removed Smith with a delivery which cut back to pierce the defence.

Wright played the hat-trick ball at the start of Kapil's next over with a defensive push, but when Bracewell tried to turn him to leg off the last ball of that over, he missed the line and was trapped leg-before. Kapil had taken three wickets for one run in two overs.

Shastri took his only wicket of the match in his fourth over of the morning, and New Zealand were all out 10 minutes before lunch, having lost their last four wickets for just six runs.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 254 (M J Greatbatch 90 not out, I D S Smith 79).

Second innings

T J Franklin c Kapil b Hirwani	15
*J G Wright c and b Shastri	62
A H Jones c Vengsarkar b Ayub	5
M G Snedden lbw b Ayub	0
M J Greatbatch lbw b Hirwani	5
T E Blain c Arun Lal b Hirwani	0
C M Kuggeleijn c Sharma b Ayub	0
R J Hadlee c More b Kapil	31
†I D S Smith b Kapil	0
J G Bracewell lbw b Kapil	0
E J Chatfield not out	0
Extras (lb 1, w 5)	6
Total	124

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-58, 3-60, 4-71, 5-75, 6-80, 7-118, 8-118, 9-124.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 10-3-21-3; Sharma 4-0-13-0; Hirwani 23-10-43-3; Ayub 25-12-36-3; Shastri 3.3-1-10-1.

INDIA: First innings 358 (M Azharuddin 87, K Srikkanth 69).

Second innings

K Srikkanth not out	18
Arun Lal not out	0
Extras (nb 4)	4
Total (no wkt)	22

N S Sidhu, *D B Vengsarkar, R J Shastri, M Azharuddin, Kapil Dev, †K S More, A Ayub, S Sharma and N Hirwani did not bat.

BOWLING: Chatfield 1-0-5-0; Snedden 1-0-13-0; Kuggeleijn 0.1-0-4-0.

Umpires: R B Gupta and S K Ghosh.

Northants hold off

Northamptonshire will not name a captain to follow Geoff Cook until the new year. After a "fruitful and constructive" discussion, the club's cricket subcommittee has decided to report to the full general committee next month before it takes any further steps towards appointing a successor to Cook, who resigned in September after eight seasons in charge.



Inspired captaincy: Vengsarkar celebrates as Smith is bowled first ball by Kapil Dev

Australian ambition is swallowed up by pitch

From John Woodcock, Perth

In winning the second Test match by 169 runs here yesterday West Indies took a 2-0 lead in the five-match series, and, as Border said afterwards, it would need a "supreme optimist" to think that Australia will come back from that. After losing their first three batsmen cheaply Australia did as well as they could expect by getting to within approximately an hour of saving the game.

Not satisfied with an overnight lead of 384, Richards had continued the West Indies second innings in the morning until Australia needed 404 to win. This was an astonishing decision by the West Indies captain. Off this pitch and against the West Indian bowling in the time available you could have picked the best 11 batsmen in the world to score 350 and they would have got nowhere near.

An animated exchange between Richards and the West Indies manager, Clive Lloyd, on the outfield before the start of play suggested that this was the point which Lloyd was making — and as a captain Lloyd himself was never one to take a chance.

But Richards had his way, and Hughes picked up his thirteenth wicket of the match (only Massie, Spofforth and Grimmett have taken more than that in a Test match for Australia) and by the time Australia began batting they were half an hour nearer to survival. By lunch, though, West Indies were already among them — and Boon, Marsh and Veletta were all out, as Wood would have been had Walsh not dropped, at square leg, something he would have held 99 times out of 100.

There were times, subsequently, when Australia's hopes revived, first when Wood and Border spent an hour together, then when Border and Waugh were in for an hour, and later, after tea, when Healy and Dodemaide batted with remarkably little difficulty. Even when these last two were parted, Healy found another stubborn partner in May.

In the fourth over of Australia's innings Patterson bowled Boon, surprising him with a ball full of length. In the next over Marsh was caught at short leg off bat and pad. At 46 Veletta was well caught at the wicket, low down off the inside edge. It was then West Indies' turn to start dropping catches.

Wood had made a brilliant start, first hooking, then on-driving Marshall for four. Hooking again, at Ambrose, he mishit gently to Walsh, who took the catch for granted and muffed it. When, soon after lunch, Border, then on six, survived a chance to the spring-heeled Logie at short leg, off a lifting ball from Ambrose, he dug in as though to make West Indies pay for it.

But it was not to be. At 93, Richards moved Greenidge from third slip to square leg, halfway back to a long boundary, and Wood immediately hooked Walsh straight to him. It was an untimely shot by Wood, but to have scored 153 runs in the match, against the bowling he faced, and with his Test career hanging by a thread, was a notable performance.

Border allowed himself to be bowled by Hooper, bowling the gentlest of cutters which had no cut. Border said the cracks in the pitch, some of them an inch wide, were always on the batsmen's minds. So they were when, in a very similar situation, Australia batted out the last day here against England in 1986. I fancy Australia will feel they should have made a similar escape yesterday.

The ease with which Healy held on for 70 minutes with Dodemaide, after Waugh had been caught at slip sparring rather fecklessly, only emphasized this. Even May was unbeaten, if not unbruised, in 43 balls. A skidder accounted eventually for Dodemaide, and two balls that needed fending off for Healy and Hughes. The West Indian way had prevailed again.

Lawson had batted in the nets to prepare for the eventuality of his having to "do a Cowdrey" with an over or two left; but when the ninth wicket fell there was no point in his risking a broken finger to go with his broken jaw and the broken pitch.

WEST INDIES: First innings 449 (I V A Richards 146, A L Logie 93, R B Richardson 66; M G Hughes 5 for 130).

Second innings

C G Greenidge lbw b Hughes	0
D L Haynes c Healy b Hughes	100
R B Richardson c Healy b Hughes	48
C L Hooper c Dodemaide b Hughes	64
*I V A Richards lbw b Hughes	5
A L Logie b Hughes	30
†P J Dujon c Dodemaide b Hughes	9
M D Marshall c Healy b Dodemaide	23
C E L Ambrose c Wood b Hughes	15
C A Walsh not out	17
B P Patterson not out	5
Extras (b 14, lb 9, nb 9)	32
Total (9 wkts dec)	349

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-103, 3-216, 4-236, 5-246, 6-259, 7-300, 8-310, 9-341.

BOWLING: Hughes 37-9-87-8; Dodemaide 24-2-101-1; Waugh 23-1-70-0; May 14-1-68-0.

AUSTRALIA: First innings 395 for 8 dec (G M Wood 111, S R Waugh 91, D C Boon 80; C E L Ambrose 5 for 72).

Second innings

D C Boon b Patterson	4
G R Marsh c Logie b Marshall	6
M R J Veletta c Dujon b Marshall	13
G M Wood c Greenidge b Walsh	42
*A R Border b Hooper	28
S R Waugh c Hooper b Patterson	28
A I C Dodemaide lbw b Ambrose	11
†I A Healy c Logie b Ambrose	52
T B A May not out	8
M G Hughes c Logie b Ambrose	0
G F Lawson absent hurt	0
Extras (b 5, lb 4, nb 37)	46
Total	234

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-14, 3-48, 4-93, 5-138, 6-140, 7-190, 8-232, 9-234.

BOWLING: Marshall 12-0-50-2; Patterson 14-2-58-2; Ambrose 17-1-66-3; Walsh 15-1-46-1; Hooper 5-2-5-1.

Umpires: T Prue and R Ballhacha.

VOLLEYBALL

Williams closer to double

By Roddy Mackenzie

The chance of Jefferson Williams achieving a unique double in the English game moved closer at the weekend. Williams, the chief instigator in Malory's rise to prominence in the men's game, on Saturday coached Brixton Knights to a significant win over Sovereign Leasing Sale, the women's champions.

Brixton underlined their title ambitions by beating Sale 15-17, 15-13, 15-13, 15-11, with Williams having to make the difficult choice between travelling north with them or turning out for Malory in the men's first division match against Speedwell Rucanor in London.

"It's the first time the fixtures have clashed this season, but it was a very important weekend for Brixton and I'm pleased we came through it," he said. Brixton also beat Hilton Leeds on Sunday.

Williams believes that although the men's game is at a more advanced level in England, technically Brixton and Sale are ahead of most of the teams in the men's first division. The defeat on Saturday was Sale's second of the season, which suggests they are vulnerable; Brixton's only league defeat has been by Britannia.

Malory, meanwhile, took five sets to dispose of Speedwell, although they won the final set 15-2, and Time Out Spark typified what has been a frustrating season so far by beating Polonia on Saturday, 15-13, 5-15, 15-9, 10-15, 15-8, but then losing to Liverpool City on Sunday, 15-11, 8-15, 9-15, 11-15, to leave the men's title race wide open.

In Scotland, Kyle, the women's champions, suffered their first defeat of the domestic season when they lost in straight sets to Provincial Insurance, 15-3, 15-12, 15-11. Provincial, however, have only a remote chance of winning the league, but it gives Glasgow Bannerman, who beat Scottish Farm 15-5, 15-4, 15-12 on Saturday, an advantage at the half-way stage.

Sheila Dunnet, the Scottish international who joined Provincial from Scottish Farm during the close season, said: "Earlier in the season our players were going straight home after matches and not talking to each other about the game; team spirit was low. But we had a meeting a fortnight ago and now we're starting to play as a team.

"Our chances of winning the league would appear to be gone after losing four matches, but Saturday's win gives us confidence for the Scottish Cup."

SPORTS BOOKS

Medical monument that will bridge a gap in knowledge

John Goodbody continues the selection by The Times' correspondents of the best sports books of the year

The Olympic Book of Sports Medicine is a monument. Amid a welter of confusing publications, it stands out as a clear yet detailed examination of the subject by more than 50 distinguished international figures.

Despite its cost, the book is a valuable investment for anyone involved with sports medicine or the training of serious competitors. The authors write on their particular field of specialization so that the reader obtains uniform insight over the whole field.

The volume is intended as the start of the International Olympic Committee's ambition to produce a standard series entitled *The Encyclopaedia of Sports Medicine.*

Future volumes will concentrate on specialized subjects and record the latest research, whereas this book is more wide-ranging, encompassing sections on "The impact of regular training on human biological systems", "The prevention and management of sports injuries", and "Doping and Doping Control."

The object of the book is to make available to everyone an indispensable reference work. In his introduction, Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC President, says that one of the greatest dangers in sport is of a division between the industrialized countries and the rest, between those who have the resources to carry out highly specialized and costly research and the less fortunate.

This book will at least aid the spread of knowledge, largely acquired in developed countries, throughout the rest of the world.

These developed countries may have the advantage of scientific knowledge in sport but some also have outstanding problems of crowd trouble, which is less commonplace in most Third World countries.

This year, the book, *The Roots of Football Hooliganism*, is a valuable addition to knowledge about the subject in Britain, where it remains more overtly organized than in other European nations.

What the book by three sociologists, who are the directors of the Sir Norman Chester Centre at Leicester University, records is the prevalence of hooliganism in Britain before the First World War, even if it did not then get the exposure in the media it now receives. Hooliganism is what Eric Dunning, one of the authors, neatly describes as "a developing phenomenon over time".

The authors warn that hooliganism is inevitably present in a society which regularly has a relatively impoverished underclass. Unless there is greater equality, then "the cycle of violence we have witnessed in recent years could well continue its uncontrolled growth, swelling to even more serious proportions. We do not pretend to be optimistic on this score".

* *The Olympic Book of Sports Medicine*, The International Olympic Committee (Blackwell Scientific Publications, £39.50)

* *The Roots of Football Hooliganism*, Eric Dunning, Patrick Murphy and John Williams (Routledge and Kegan Paul, £11.95)

WEIGHTLIFTING

Taking steroids was a 'part of training'

Canberra (Reuter) — Weightlifters at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) were pressured to take anabolic steroids and other banned drugs or risk losing their scholarships, a Senate inquiry was told here on Tuesday.

The former Australian weightlifters, Paul Clark and Stan Hambesis, told the inquiry that the AIS weightlifting coach, Lyn Jones, said they would lose their places at the institute if they did not perform up to standard.

"At the AIS it was made obvious it was a part of training to take these drugs. The only way to reach the set levels of performance ... was to take drugs," Hambesis told a Senate environment, recreation and arts committee inquiry into the use of drugs in sport.

Clark, aged 26, and Hambesis, aged 28, alleged that Jones set performance targets that were impossible to reach without the aid of illegal drugs. The pair said they had smuggled banned drugs into Australia for Jones and been given tablets and injections of drugs — including anabolic steroids — by him while they trained under him between 1981 and 1984.

They said they still suffered side effects from the drugs after taking, at times, more than 350 steroid tablets a week for as long as 12 weeks at a time.

Gael Martin, who won two gold medals at the 1986 Commonwealth Games but was banned in 1981 for 18 months for taking steroids, claimed 30 per cent of track and field athletes at the AIS were taking steroids when she was a scholarship holder there in 1985.

"Certainly pretty serious allegations have been made and we basically want to see what can be done to clean up our act in Australia," Senator John Black, the chairman of the inquiry, said.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Rams' hopes revive as poor run ends

The Los Angeles Rams ended a four-game sequence of defeats by beating the Chicago Bears 23-3 on Monday night. The result reduced the Bears' advantage over the Minnesota Vikings in the National Conference central division and revived the Rams' hopes in the west division.

Harbaugh, who started for the first time as the Chicago quarterback, completed only 11 of 30 passes for 108 yards and two interceptions. For the Rams, Everett completed 17 of 31 passes for 251 yards, a touchdown and three interceptions. Ellard scored a touchdown in the third quarter and Bell went over for another in the fourth.

Chicago are now only one game ahead of the Vikings. The Rams move to within one game of the New Orleans Saints and the San Francisco 49ers.

YACHTING

Skills are brought to the fore

Fremantle (Reuter) — Ten of the world's leading skippers, most of them veterans of the 1987 America's Cup campaign here, take to the Indian Ocean today in what promises to be the closest match-racing ever.

A class of identical yachts has been created for the first world match-racing championship to ensure only the abilities of the skippers and their crew are tested. The America's Cup has become a battle of technology and design, at times making sailing skills secondary to machinery.

Peter Gilmour, the Fremantle yachtsman, is favourite for the event, having won four of the eight qualifying match-racing regattas. "This regatta is very open and the world's best are here," Gilmour said. "We have to be in reasonable shape to win. It's just a case of keeping it together on the race course."

Gilmour was tactician aboard *Kookaburra III*, which failed to retain the America's Cup against Dennis Conner, of the United States, aboard *Stars and Stripes*. Conner in September retained the trophy against a controversial challenge from New Zealand.

The New Zealand designer, Bruce Farr, the creator of the 132-foot yacht whose owners are disputing Conner's victory, has shaped ten 12-metre yachts for the Fremantle match races.

Gilmour faces tough competition to retain his lead in world match-racing. Chris Dickson, of New Zealand, is second and would take over as the world No. 1 with a win in Fremantle to avenge his own loss to Conner in 1987.

Americans also feature strongly with Peter Isler, a member of Conner's crew, and the former America II tactician, John Bertrand, competing along with Bill Lynn.

Rod Davis, an expatriot American now sailing for the New Zealand America's Cup syndicate head, Michael Fay, returns to the scene of his ill-fated Eagle 1987 challenge.

Eddie Ward-Owen, of Britain, a veteran of the White Crusader challenge in 1987, will race again as will Tim Law, the brother of the White Crusader helmsman, Chris Law.

Bertrand Pace, of France, the ninth skipper, is familiar with the waters, having crewed on the ambitious French Kiss team in the challenger elimination series for the 1987 Cup. Skip Lissman, who heads Alan Bond's proposed challenge to regain the America's Cup in 1991, is the other Australian who will line up for the event, organized by the former Cup holder, the Royal Perth Yacht Club.

Friends gather to honour a journalist of the old school

In an age of relentless progress for newspapers, when computers and tape recorders abound and when Fleet Street shifts to Docklands, at least one man remains doggedly and delightfully unchanged.

Reg Hayter was 75 on Sunday. He would have, knowing the man, allowed himself a drink or two with his family to toast the occasion but Monday would have brought business as usual. Grey suited, white shirted, he marches up the 55 steps to his office before 9 a.m., grabs the bundle of post from his pigeon hole and then attacks his stubbornly preserved antique typewriter to consign a hundred weekend ideas to paper.



Hayter: the living image of an old-fashioned newspaper man

The phone rings incessantly, answered gruffly before the business tone and unimpaired enthusiasm takes over. After 24 years fronting his own sports reporting agency, Reg treats each day like his first. Lunch-time may see him in a favoured bar, but the motives are seldom purely social. The longer the lunch, the more business he is likely to do, the details scribbled in his latest red pocket book.

Reg might leave the office soon after six but rarely to go home. Duty calls. If he is not meeting one of the many sporting personalities to whom he is nursemaid and confidant as much as manager, or one of the sports editors to whom he is the perennial port in a storm, he is likely to take out some of the staff and prove he is human after all.

I recall my interview before joining Reg. He seemed to me to be the living image of an old fashioned newspaper man, which he is, and quite awesomely intimidating, which he is not. If he were, then almost 70 of the men who have passed through the Hayters factory would not have been in a gathering of 150 last Thursday to celebrate Reg's birthday. They came because the man is unique and because so many, myself included, owe him so much.

Reg has been reporting sport all his working life. He has innumerable friends and, to my certain knowledge, not a single enemy. They came from all walks of sport and journalism on Thursday — legends such as Compton, Trueman, Botham, D'Oliveira and Henry Cooper right down to the most recent graduate from his university of reporting.

Last week, Surrey made Reg an honorary life member at the Oval, an honour which touched him visibly. If that was a hint of something to do in his dotage, however, banish the thought. "Retirement," scoffed Reg, "is only for old people."

Alan Lee

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

UEFA Cup
Third round, second leg
(First leg score in brackets)
Velez Mostar (Yug) (0) v Hearts (3) (4.0)

OTHER MATCHES: AS Roma (It) (0) v Dynamo Dresden (EG) (2); Cologne (WG) (0) v Real Sociedad (Sp) (1); Inter Milan (It) (2) v Bayern Munich (WG) (0); Juventus (It) (1) v FC Lib
Bordeaux (Fr) (0); Turun Palloseura (Fin) (0) v Victoria Bucharest (Rom) (1).

Scottish Cup
First round replay
Alloa v Berwick

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Aston Villa v Derby; Barnsley v Coventry; Blackburn v Newcastle; Huddersfield v Manchester City (7.30). Second division: Darlington v Preston; Grimsby v Doncaster; Hull v Port Vale; Rotherham v Notts County; Stoke v Mansfield; York v Wigan.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Brighton v West Ham (7.15); Crystal Palace v Wimbledon.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: President's Cup: First round, second leg *(first leg score in brackets)*: Rhyl (1) v Barrow (0). Premier division: Shepshed v Gainsborough. First division: Wrexford v Eastwood Hanley; Workington v Whitley Bay. First division Cup: First round: Accrington Stanley v Radcliffe.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City v Bedworth; Leicester United v Dartford; VS Rugby v Worcester. Midland division: Atherstone v King's Lynn; Dudley v Forest Green; Willenhall v Wellingborough. Southern division: Poole v Salisbury.

FA TROPHY: Third qualifying round replays: Bishop Auckland v Billingham Synthonia; Colwyn Bay v Corby (2.0); Stockton v Whitby; Welling v Leyton-Wingate.

LONDON SENIOR CUP: First round: Feltham v Crown and Manor; Hanwell v Southwark Borough (Fisher FC); Woodford v Epsom and Ewell.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Radstock v Bristol Manor Farm.

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Aylesbury v Brentwood; Gillingham v Colchester; Southend v Enfield; Wealdstone v Barnet.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bedford v RAF; Bridgend v Abertillery (7.15); Llanelli v South Wales Police (7.0); Lydney v Glamorgan Wanderers (7.0); West Hartlepool v Hartlepool (7.0).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: United Hospitals v Combined London Old Boys (Honor Oak Park, 2.30).

ROYAL NAVY CUP: Final: 42 Commando v 45 Commando (Burnaby Road, Portsmouth, 2.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: Third round replay: Wigan v Hull KR.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Ralicards Grand Prix (Wolverhampton).

BASKETBALL: NatWest Trophy: Bracknell v Leicester (8.0).

SNOOKER: World Match Play championship (Brentwood).

TENNIS: Nabisco Masters doubles championship (Albert Hall).

SPORT ON TV

FOOTBALL: BBC1 3-3.40 p.m. (yesterday's highlights); Guinness Soccer Six championship from G-Mex Centre, Manchester (see also Sportsnight).

MIDWEEK SPORT SPECIAL: ITV 10.35 p.m.-12.30 a.m.: Snooker: Everest World Match Play Championship from Brentwood. Football: UEFA Cup: Third round, second leg: Highlights of Velez Mostar v Hearts.

SNOOKER: ITV 3.0-3.25, 5.10-5.15 p.m.: Everest World Match Play Championship from Brentwood (see also Midweek Sport Special).

SPORTSNIGHT: BBC1 10.20 p.m.-12 a.m.: Football: Guinness Soccer Six championship: Coverage of finals from G-Mex Centre, Manchester. UEFA Cup: Third round, second leg: News of Hearts's progress against Velez Mostar of Yugoslavia.

Talented Pacifiste can prove too strong for rivals in Catterick chase

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With Pacifiste, Whats What, Fredcoteri, Candy Cone and The Wilk all standing their ground for the Charles Vickery Memorial Cup at Catterick today, visitors to the north Yorkshire track are assured of a fine steeplechase. Four of the quintet have won over course and distance, *Fredcoteri being the* exception.

My own preference is for Pacifiste, from Monica Dickinson's local stable, although I confess to being sorely afraid of The Wilk, who was beaten only a head and half a length by The Langholm Dyer and Proud Pilgrim in that memorable finish to the WL and Hector Christie Memorial Trophy at the last meeting on the course nine days ago.

Pacifiste gets my vote, though, because he looked in such commanding form at Ayr 18 days ago when he beat Sir *Jest* and David's *Treasure* on his seasonal debut.

Whats What, when runner-up to Stay On Tracks, and Candy Cone, when second to *Battlefield Band, also shaped* nicely first time out without quite managing to create the same excellent impression that Pacifiste had done.

Fredcoteri, who finished third to Aden Apollo and Raise An Argument on the same programme at Ayr is nothing if not versatile. However, it remains my contention that he is better over hurdles than he is over fences and that he should not be capable of beating Pacifiste who is four years his younger and now approaching his prime.

Fatu Hiva and Persillant are two interesting recruits from the world of Flat racing, who make their jumping de*buts in the two divisions of the* Streetlam Novices' Hurdle.

While I doubt Fatu Hiva's



Monica Dickinson: saddles Pacifiste at Catterick (1.30)

ability to beat the impressive Market Rasen winner Yaheeb *in the first division, I will not* be at all surprised if Persillant, who changed hands for 30,000 guineas in the autumn, succeeds in capturing the second division in the hands of Graham McCourt.

The Bobby Faulkner Memorial Challenge Trophy is probably best left to Rockmartin, who ran with such promise in the race won by Nohalmdun on the same course last month.

At Huntingdon, Charlie Brooks and Peter Scudamore have an excellent chance of *capturing the EBF Novices'* Hurdle Qualifier with Espy.

For time may well show that he was attempting the impossible at Ascot on his last outing when he failed by three lengths to give 8lb to Lalitpour.

Both before and since, Lalitpour has performed with the utmost credit in defeat at Newbury, first when he was beaten a length by Decided and more recently when he was beaten *three-quarters* of a length by Cruising Altitude, who is refuted to be Oliver Sherwood's best novice.

While Dis Train, Duke De Vendome and Remittance Man are all horses who caught the eye when winning their bumper last season, I will be surprised if they are yet up to beating Espy, even at a difference of 10lb.

Otherwise it should pay to follow Richard Rowe riding Staghound (2.15) and Hamper *(3.15) for Josh Gifford.*

Staghound, my selection for the Crowland Novices' Chase, has already won twice over course and distance this season while Hamper, who contests the Ladbroke Handicap Hurdle, shaped like a certain future winner when third behind Sheer Nectar and Hope *Diamond* in a similar race at Worcester three weeks ago.

Powell steps in for Pegwell Bay ride

By Phil McLennan

Brendan Powell has come in for the plum ride on Pegwell Bay as the Tim Forster-trained seven-year-old attempts to extend his *unbeaten run this season to* three in Saturday's £25,000 A F Budge Gold Cup at Cheltenham.

A spokesman for the Letcombe Bassett stable said yesterday: "Pegwell Bay is normally Carl Llewellyn's ride but he's still injured. Peter Scudamore, who rode him in the Mackeson, is not available and Luke Harvey will be riding at Towcester. So we've booked Brendan Powell."

Having won the first two big handicap chases of the season *on Pegwell Bay and Strands Of* Gold (Hennessy Gold Cup), Scudamore will attempt to complete the treble on Beau Ranger, winner of the corresponding race in 1984 and of last year's Mackeson Gold Cup.

A strong northern challenge will be led by Jimmy Fitzgerald's pair, Tickite Boo and Comeragh King, with stable jockey Mark Dwyer electing to ride the latter and Richard Dunwoody booked to partner Tickite Boo.

On his seasonal debut at Haydock, *Tickite Boo finished* tailed off over three miles behind Beau Ranger but the Malton-trained eight-year-old is entitled to beat the top weight on the form of last season's Mackeson, where he finished a 15-length third and is now 25lb better off.

Another probable Yorkshire raider is Raise An Argument but Monica Dickinson wants the ground "good to soft or softer" for her nine-year-old, a beaten odds-on favourite at Ayr last time.

"They never went a gallop at Ayr and he needs a faster pace, which he's sure to get at Cheltenham," Mrs Dickinson said. "Ronnie Beggan will ride if the ground is right."

Arthur Stephenson has declared both Stay On Tracks and Villierstown with the former more likely to make the trip south.

Besides Beau Ranger, two other previous winners of the race figure among the 16 five-day declarations. They are Oregon Trail (1986) and last year's winner, Bishops Yarn.

Corals make Beau Ranger 9-2 favourite to complete a Saturday big-race treble for Martin Pipe, following Strands Of Gold and Corporal Clinger.

Pegwell Bay, Raise An Argument and Wolf Of Badenoch are coupled on the 6-1 mark with the Irish raider quoted "with a *run*" as John Mulhern has also declared his improving seven-year-old for the George Stevens Handicap Chase the same afternoon.

SATURDAY'S BIG CHASE BBC1

1.55 A F BUDGE GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE (Listed race: £18,600: 2m 4f) (16 five-day declarations)

14131-1	BEAU RANGER (CD) (White Bros Ltd) M Pipe 10-12-0	P Scudamore
021-111	WOLF OF BADENOCH (W O'Gorman) J Mulhern 7-11-8	—
12/F41-	MIDNIGHT COUNT (H Joel) J Gifford 8-11-7	—
B1/13-6	TICKITE BOO (D) (W O'Gorman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-0	R Dunwoody
U312-11	PEGWELL BAY (CD) (Major A Barlow) T Forster 7-10-13	B Powell
2P3-20B	BISHOPS YARN (CD) (British Thoroughbred Plc) G Balding 9-10-11	Richard Guest
51P33-2	FOYLE FISHERMAN (D) (J Hutchinson) J Gifford 9-10-8	—
111P-12	RAISE AN ARGUMENT (D,BF) (J Poynton) Mrs M Dickinson 9-10-4	R Beggan
1331-F2	*VILLIERSTOWN (CD) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 9-10-4*	—
1/14/05-	OREGON TRAIL (CD) (W Ponsonby) S Christian 8-10-2	—
11331-F	COMERAGH KING (D) (A F Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-10-2	M Dwyer
2122-11	STAY ON TRACKS (D) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 6-10-0	—
FP2111-	DUNKIRK (D) (J Hartnett) M Francis 12-9-13	—
112-211	WORTHY KNIGHT (CD) (T Ounsley) B McLean 7-9-7	B Storey
2-36050	GEE-A (CD) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 9-9-1	—
4U652-2	DUDIE (D) (J Halewood) R Akehurst 10-9-1	—

Long handicap: Dunkirk 9-13, Worthy Knight 9-7, Gee-A 9-1, Dudie 9-1.

BETTING (Corals): 9-2 Beau Ranger, 6-1 Pegwell Bay, Wolf Of Badenoch (with a run), 7-1 Comeragh King, 9-1 Foyle Fisherman, 10-1 Villierstown, 12-1 Stay On Tracks, Tickite Boo, 14-1 Midnight Count, 16-1 Dudie, Worthy Knight, 20-1 Bishops Yarn, Dunkirk, Oregon Trail, 50-1 Gee-A.

1987: BISHOPS YARN 8-10-7 Richard Guest (100-30) G Balding 5 ran

SIS comes to London

Some London betting shops will be switched on to Satellite Information Services (SIS) next Monday but punters in other areas of the capital will have to wait until January.

SIS chief executive Christopher Stoddart said yesterday: "In terms of geographical scale, volume of outlets and complexity *of installations, London is by far* the biggest switch-on.

"The vast majority of shops will be switched on before Christmas but any shops with particularly intractable installation problems will be dealt with in January."

Barons run extended by Seagram

Kingsbridge trainer David Barons extended his excellent recent run of success when saddling Seagram to win the Holly Handicap Chase at *Leicester yesterday, his ninth* winner in eight days.

The Princess Royal, riding Canon Class, finished last of the five runners to complete the course.

"Her mount very nearly slipped up on the bend, after jumping eight fences, and that was end the of the story. It would have been impossible for the *Princess to get him back up* there," said Canon Class's trainer, David Nicholson.

Seagram pegged back long-time leader On The Twist three fences from home and went on to win by four lengths and a neck from Numerate and Quiet Fall.

Jenny Pitman brought off a 64-1 double with Crumpet Delite and Mamora Bay, both ridden *by her son, Mark, and tackling* fences for the first time, in the two divisions of the Christmas Tree Novices' Chase.

Crumpet Delite won the first division by 12 lengths for Dorset owner Kay Bircheahough, who is looking after the 1984 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Burrough Hill Lad in his retirement.

"I'm a very privileged person," Mrs Birchenhough said. "Jenny has let me have Burrough Hill Lad to hunt with the South Dorset. He is doing splendidly, the difficulty having been to try to slow him down."

In a three-way photo finish to the second division Mamora Bay beat the 13-8 on favourite Rebel Song by a head with Ibn Majed only a neck away third.

Paradise Beach landed a gamble from 25-1 to 10-1 in the Mistletoe Novices' Hurdle, a race in which Steve Smith Eccles suffered an eye injury which meant missing the rest of his booked rides.

Smith Eccles's mount, Elegant Stranger, slipped on landing at the last, with his head coming up sharply. "His head came up and knocked my whip straight through my goggles into my eye," said the Newmarket rider, whose right eye was badly bruised.

Young jockey's bravery averts injury

Young Irish jockey Terry Leech was hailed a hero at Fontwell Park yesterday even though his three mounts fell, pulled up and finished almost last.

Leech, aged 21, dashed to the help of fellow rider Paul Holley, who was pinned under Ayad after taking a crashing last-fence fall when challenging eventual winner Wingetts in the Coomes Selling Chase.

Leech, a conditional jockey attached to the Winchester yard of Harry Willis, was making his way back to the weighing room, having fallen earlier in the race from Wolver Plume.

Seeing Holley's plight, Leech raced to the scene and dived on Ayad to restrain him as the horse was thrashing about and kicking his legs with Holley unable to break free.

"It was important to keep Ayad still, otherwise he could have given Paul serious injuries," said Leech, who was patted on the back with shouts of "well done, lad" from racegoers.

Holley was fit enough to ride later in the afternoon, and the horse was also unscathed.

The runaway triumph of Grey Salute in the Coomes Handicap Hurdle gave trainer John Jenkins special satisfaction.

The Royston trainer picked up this prize last year with Southernair but the horse was *disqualified* last month at a Jockey Club inquiry for mysteriously failing a dope test.

Jenkins was confident the grey would win on this occasion and said: "Declan Murphy came down to my place to gallop him last week and he went really well, so we were very hopeful."

Murphy, gaining his first winner for the yard, unleashed his challenge approaching the last flight and the 7-1 shot came away to beat Ryde Again by eight lengths.

Shanbally Boy, David Murray-Smith's new recruit from Ireland, enjoyed a perfect introduction in the Coomes Senior Citizens Novices' Chase, the 8-11 favourite striding home 30 lengths clear without breaking sweat. He had been left with a clear advantage when Robert Henry unseated his rider at the sixteenth.

Murray-Smith revealed plans for two of his better known inmates. Welsh National contender Aquilifer runs at Lingfield on Saturday, and Course Hunter starts the long build-up to the Aintree National at Towcester the same day.

Trainer Gardie Grissell and owner John Lister recorded a 96½-1 double with Breakfast Car and Ketti, both ridden by Hywel Davies.

HUNTINGDON

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Firework William.
1.15 Fu's Lady.
1.45 ESPY (nap).
2.15 Staghound.
2.45 Guessing.
3.15 Hamper.

Michael Seely's selection: 1.15 FU'S LADY.

Going: soft

12.45 MONTAGU CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (£862: 2m 100yd) (11 runners)

1	00-5062	FORT WAPPING 26 (B) (J Denver) A Moore 4-11-5	J Clark	● 99
2	3P-0	FRANK THE BANK 14 (Miss T Pile) R Curtis 4-11-5	S Mason	98
3	U6-P04	SEARCH THE WIND 8 (C Read) C Read 4-11-5	—	97
4	P00-	CHURCH STAR 83F (V) (N Burke) J Bridger 4-11-0	Rachel Bridger	—
5		PANEL GAME 145F (Mrs J O'Connor) P Butler 4-11-0	S McKeever	—
6		BIDSTON MILL 54F (R Bennett) R Bennett 3-10-7	T Farrell	—
7	U00	FAY'S PET 19 (D Maund) B Stevens 3-10-7	M Stevens	—
8	032	FIREWORK WILLIAM 29 (V) (M Rogers) G Balding 3-10-7	W McFarland	94
9	*000*	*GABISH 14 (C Steward) R Hoad 3-10-7*	*M Hoad*	—
10	PP0	SHELLY'S FOLLY 19 (P Beswick) Mrs G Jones 3-10-7	A Jackes	—
11		NAVARESQUE 44F (Mrs D Pickford) R Hodges 3-10-2	W Irvine	—

BETTING: 7-4 Search The Wind, 5-2 Fort Wapping, 4-1 Firework William, 8-1 Frank The Bank, 10-1 Panel Game, 12-1 others.

1987: MEETING ABANDONED — FROST

FORM FORT WAPPING was not helped by a mistake at the last when a ½l 2nd to Artistic Champion over course and distance last time out (firm). Looked none too resolute that day though.
FRANK THE BANK, a winner on the level in the 1987 season, has shown little over hurdles. Last time out finished a 33l 7th to Manhattan Boy at Plumpton (2m, good to firm).
FIREWORK WILLIAM may be good enough to take this modest affair on the evidence of his 12l 2nd to That There at Devon (2m 1f, good) last time out.
NAVARESQUE, who won a Wolverhampton (1m 1f, good to firm) selling handicap on the flat in October, wouldn't have to be anything special to make a winning debut over hurdles.
Selection: FIREWORK WILLIAM

1.15 LONG SUTTON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,632: 2m 200yd) (12 runners)

1	25343F-	EVENING SONG 286 (D,G,S) (P Townsley) Mrs P Townsley 9-11-12	R Goldstein	88
2	62/P65P-	FINNESKO 272 (C,D,G,S) (Mrs Z Clark) S Christian 10-11-7	Mr G Upton (7)	—
3	113313-	NODALOTTE 214 (D,F,S) (E Bowers) J Spearing 8-11-6	Gee Armytage	98
4	322P-32	CRADLE OF JAZZ 16 (D,BF,F,S) (K Britten) J Old 8-11-5	S McNeill	96
5	21F00-1	FU'S LADY 18 (D,F,S) (S Dunster) M Pipe 6-11-4	P Scudamore	92
6	21P232	ABBEYBRANEY 9 (CD,F,S) (Mrs E Ellis) P Cundell 9-11-4	R Strange	● 99
7	2-664P5	CASSIO LIL 18 (F,G,S) (Mrs E Carberry) D Burchell 9-10-9	D J Burchell (4)	—
8	023U43	VAGUELY ARTISTIC 5 (B,CD,F,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 6-10-8	C O'Dwyer	95
9	/5P5-4F	THE FRUIT 8 (F) (R Ledger) R Ledger 9-10-7	Mrs N Ledger	80
10	631006	TAILORED TO TASTE 50 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Evans) D Williams 9-10-0	B Powell	92
11	6/54	*MR FINNLEE 18 (R Brand) Mrs S Armytage 6-10-0*	*M Bosley*	84
12	1-553U0	STONEHENGE 6 (D,F) (P Allen) D Wilson 11-10-0	—	96

Long handicap: Stonehenge 9-13.

BETTING: 3-1 Abbeybraney, 7-2 Fu's Lady, 4-1 Cradle Of Jazz, 6-1 Nodalotte, 8-1 Evening Song, 10-1 Cassio Lil, 12-1 others.

FORM NODALOTTE, winner of three novice chases last term, is best judged on a 2l beating of Gloiming at Hereford (2m 3f, good to firm). Acts on any going.
CRADLE OF JAZZ, twice a winner last term, has run creditably this season, last time out finishing a head 2nd to Pucka Paddy at Windsor (2m 40yd, good).
FU'S LADY looked to have recovered from her training setbacks when accounting for Poets Day by 3l at Warwick (2m, good to firm) on her seasonal debut where CASSIO LIL (9lb better off) finished tailed off in 5th place. Can follow up.
ABBEYBRANEY likes to force the pace and was just beaten ½l by Vulrory's Clown at Nottingham (2m, firm) last time. Had earlier finished a 10l 3rd to Maltredee at Towcester (2m50yd, good to firm) with VAGUELY ARTISTIC (same terms) 15l away in 4th.
Selection: FU'S LADY (nap)

1.45 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,324: 2m 100yd) (17 runners)

1	03-1122	ESPY 18 (D,G) (R E A Bott Ltd) C Brooks 5-11-10	P Scudamore	● 99
2	000-	AMBER TACK 211 (Mrs A Nash) J Long 5-11-0	R Goldstein	—
3	40-03	BRONZE FINAL 21 (S Musson) J Gifford 5-11-0	R Rowe	82
4	*50850-6*	*BURNING LIGHT 7 (Mrs C Trendell) T Casey 6-11-0*	*P Harley (7)*	79
5	122-4	DIS TRAIN 11 (D,S) (M Oberstein) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0	M Pitman	89
6	13-	DUKE DE VENDOME 228 (D,S) (Mrs S Jones) Mrs D Haine 5-11-0	S Smith Eccles	—
7	14-	ENBORNE LAD 256 (S) (D Seward) G Enright 4-11-0	M Perrett	—
8	00	FINCHGLOW 16 (J Tully) J Gifford 5-11-0	E Murphy	—
9		FLEET STREET AGENT (M Bokenham) T Jones 5-11-0	H Davies	—
10	1/U00-	HEAVENLY BROTHER 368 (D,F) (F Gray) F Gray 5-11-0	—	—
11	220-222	I'LL DO THE JOKES 39 (R Graham) P Mitchell 5-11-0	D Gallagher	92
12	0-144	KELLY'S INSURANCE 13 (D,BF,F) (H Kelly) G Balding 4-11-0	J Frost	75
13		REGGAE YEOMAN (Mrs H Alwen) J Gifford 4-11-0	Peter Hobbs	—
14	1-	REMITTANCE MAN 230 (D,F) (J Collins) N Henderson 4-11-0	J Osborne	—
15	03358-3	SPEAKERS CORNER 16 (Baxter & Walsh Ltd) M Wilkinson 5-11-0	M Lynch	85
16		TENECOUNT (C Saunders) C Saunders 4-11-0	Mrs J Saunders	—
17	P-0	AN ACCIDENT 16 (J Twibell) J Twibell 5-10-9	—	—

BETTING: 5-2 Espy, 10-3 I'll Do The Jokes, 9-2 Bronze Final, 6-1 Dis Train, 8-1 Kelly's Insurance, 10-1 Remittance Man, 14-1 others.

FORM ESPY, winner of two novice hurdles at Uttoxeter and Stratford this term, is the form selection on his useful 3l 2nd to Lalitpour at Ascot (2m, good to firm).
BRONZE FINAL looked a shade one-paced when a 13½l 3rd to Penalty Double at Kempton (2m, good to firm) last time out.
DIS TRAIN, who won a Kempton National Hunt Flat race last term, made a promising hurdling debut when a 15½l 4th to Wishlon at Newbury (2m 100yd, good).
I'LL DO THE JOKES just failed by a short head to get the better of Duke's Whistle at Ascot (2m, good to firm) last time out.
REMITTANCE MAN makes his hurdling debut. Won a Cheltenham (2m, firm) National Hunt Flat race by a neck from Rowlandson Diamond last term.
SPEAKERS CORNER finished a fair 8l 3rd to Another Coral at Leicester (2m, good) last time with AN ACCIDENT (same terms) tailed off in 11th.
Selection: ESPY

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
S Christian	4	17	23.5
G Balding	11	49	22.4
O Sherwood	10	45	22.2
J Gifford	21	100	21.0
N Henderson	10	48	20.8
J Davies	3	15	20.0

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
J Osborne	3	11	27.3
S Smith Eccles	17	72	23.6
E Murphy	9	50	18.0
P Scudamore	7	39	17.9
R Rowe	16	93	17.2
G Landau	3	22	13.6

2.15 CROWLAND NOVICES CHASE (£1,722: 3m) (16 runners)

1	435-11F	STAGHOUND 14 (CD,F,S) (Mrs C Meadows) J Gifford 6-11-6	R Rowe	● 99
2	500-152	BRUNI BABY 21 (B,F) (P Kearney) J Sayers 7-11-1	Peter Hobbs	91
3	03040-B	AL'S SON 25 (R Warwick) K Ivory 7-10-10	B Powell	67
4	00FSS/U	BACKPACKER 20 (C Wall) G Enright 8-10-10	M Perrett	—
5	30004/0	CANADIAN KING 39 (F,G) (G Graham) G Graham 9-10-10	J Akehurst	—
6	0P0000/	CASTILORE LAD 597 (C Pike) J Long 8-10-10	D Morris	—
7	0-P0	CLASSEY BOY 6 (A Kaplan) J Spearing 5-10-10	—	—
8	0/U-BU6	GENERAL BEE 20 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 6-10-10	D Skyrme (7)	—
9	P/P	KEEP IT NEAT 43 (L Bowman) L Bowman 8-10-10	Mr A Siggs	—
10	1/23322-	MYNAH KEY 235 (D,BF,S) (R Perkins) S Christian 7-10-10	J Osborne	—
11	42FF0-0	POLLEN BEE 47 (G,S) (Mrs L Dresher) Mrs S Armytage 7-10-10	Gee Armytage	98
12	/FFFF-0	QUITO PRINCE 43 (G) (Lord Chelsea) T Forster 7-10-10	H Davies	97
13	P/4	RICH REMORSE 19 (I Adair) R Curtis 9-10-10	R Goldstein	96
14	421213-	STREAM BRIDGE 231 (D,BF,S) (P Stamp) O Sherwood 7-10-10	S Sherwood	—
15	0104-00	UNICOL 13 (S) (Unicol Group Holdings Ltd) S Mellor 6-10-10	G Landau	—
16	P-06504	WILLIAM CRUMP 9 (G,S) (Ovardawn Associates Ltd) K Bailey 7-10-10	—	97

BETTING: 6-4 Staghound, 5-2 Stream Bridge, 6-1 Rich Remorse, 8-1 Bruni Baby, 10-1 William Crump, 12-1 Mynah Key, 16-1 others.

FORM STAGHOUND bids to complete a treble over course and distance. He made an impressive reappearance when beating Sand Castle 15l (firm), but subsequently suffered a severe bout of colic and made hard work of accounting for Skygrange by 4l (firm). On his latest start he was prominent before falling four out at Haydock (3m, good to soft).
BRUNI BABY was well-backed and made a successful chasing debut at Worcester (2m 4f, good to firm), by 1½l from Couture Color, and appeared to run to form when beaten 8l to Alone Success in a match at Kempton (3m, firm) last time.
MYNAH KEY makes chasing bow. Fair hurdle form.
Finished 8l 2nd to Troy Fair at Bangor (3m, good) on final start last season, with POLLEN BEE (18lb worse off) 12th.
STREAM BRIDGE won novice hurdle events at Uttoxeter (3m, heavy) and Chepstow (3m, good to soft). On the latter occasion by 10l from Yiragan with UNICOL (3lb worse off) 5½l 4th. Is reported fit and has been going well at home.
WILLIAM CRUMP showed modest form in novice chases last term and sent hurdling this season. Finished 2½l 4th of 13 behind Tagio in a handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m 6f, good to firm) last time.
Selection: STAGHOUND

2.45 BISHOPS STORTFORD NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,488: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

1	24UF-30	MAJESTIC RING 4 (P Kelleway) P Kelleway 6-11-10	P Scudamore	94
2	2141-32	GUESSING 43 (D,F,G) (Racegoers Club Owners Group) P Mitchell 5-11-2	S Sherwood	—
3	*3044/21-*	*COUNTRY CAP 382 (S) (R Townsend) R Townsend 7-11-0*	*Mr D Townsend*	—
4	031-0	KATABATIC 32 (G) (R Glider) A Turnell 5-10-4	I Lawrence (7)	85
5	FFBP0-U	GREEN RIDGE 13 (Unicol Group Holdings Ltd) S Mellor 9-10-1	G Landau	—
6	22F-51P	ABEROY 6 (C,F) (R Scott) M Ryan 9-10-0	J McLaughlin	94
7	50FF-40	THE DOORMAKER 41 (A Harvey Ltd) T Forster 6-10-0	H Davies	—
8	0364-64	HALLO MATEY 8 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-10-0	C O'Dwyer	● 99
9	5440-4F	REGAL SANTA 14 (D,G,S) (C Hume) P Butler 8-10-0	D Morris	90
10	0-224P0	THAMES TRADER 13 (S) (Mrs J Seal) Mrs L Clay 7-10-0	M Richards	90
11	0PP/	ROYAL NAP 736 (W Shere) Mrs P Townsley 6-10-0	R Goldstein	—
12	0/PP-P4	KING'S SLAVE 34 (B) (D Petrie) P Hayward 7-10-0	R Guest	—
13	460-PP	LEAVE IT OUT 41 (G Gregson) G Gregson 8-10-0	J Railton (7)	—

Long handicap: Aberoy 9-9, The Doormaker 9-6, Hallo Matey 9-6, Regal Santa 8-12, Thames Trader 8-12, Royal Nap 8-9, King's Slave 8-9, Leave It Out 8-9.

BETTING: 2-1 Guessing, 7-2 Katabatic, 6-1 The Doormaker, 8-1 Majestic Ring, 10-1 Aberoy, 12-1 Hallo Matey, 14-1 Country Gap, 16-1 others.

FORM MAJESTIC RING returns to chasing, wasn't disgraced when 7th of 14 behind Greenhills Joy at Sandown (2m, good to soft) on latest start over hurdles. Previously 5l 3rd to Celtus at Leicester (2m, good).
ABEROY pulled up last time but was previously successful in a Huntingdon (3m, good to firm) handicap by 2½l from Double Turn. Has yet to show his best on very soft ground.
HALLO MATEY finished 26l 6th of 10 behind River Trout at Stratford (2m 6f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with LEAVE IT OUT pulled up.
REGAL SANTA finished 22½l 4th of 11 behind Relatively Easy in a novice chase at Kempton (2m 4f, good to firm) on her penultimate start.
GUESSING makes his chasing debut. On latest start finished a good 2nd of 20 to Myllege (2m 4f, good).
Selection: MAJESTIC RING

3.15 LADBROKE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,036: 2m 100yd) (22 runners)

1	/64211-	SIR PERDO 281 (D,S) (R Andrews) Mrs E Andrews 7-12-0	Mr S Andrews	85
2	6831-03	HAMPER 21 (D,G) (H Joel) J Gifford 5-11-13	R Rowe	91
3	5035-40	JAZETAS 8 (D,S) (G Cooke) N Callaghan 5-11-11	W Humphreys (4)	● 99
4	11335/2-	MIGHT MOVE 387 (D,S) (Hortray Builders Ltd) M Pipe 5-11-6	P Scudamore	88
5	61011B-	PEARLY KING 305 (D,S) (W Smith) G Kindersley 5-11-5	M Lynch	86
6	331-500	EUROCON 14 (D,F,G) (W Spink) T Barron 4-11-4	—	93
7	213100-	HEYFLEET 231 (D,F,S) (Mrs R Allen) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-4	M Pitman	93
8	016-F50	PIRACY 27 (G) (Mrs S Jones) Mrs D Haine 4-11-3	S Smith Eccles	89
9	0223-14	TAMATOUR 26 (D,BF,G) (J Furlong) J Ringer 5-11-1	S McNeill	89
10	*R5/40-2*	*STAR OF A GUNNER 16 (D,S) (M & N Plant Ltd) R Holder 8-11-1*	N Coleman	93
11	310200-	MAC'S GOLD 247 (D,S) (Mrs R Hepburn) Mrs S Armytage 6-11-0	Gee Armytage	85
12	F3B10-0	NAP MAJESTICA 41 (D,F,G) (W Fouracres) K Morgan 5-10-11	S Turner (4)	88
13	F00P-00	ANIECE 9 (C,F,G) (P Beswick) Mrs G Jones 10-10-10	R Chapman	98
14	F10/32B-	HIGHTOWN FONTANA 53F (D,S) (Hightown Bloodstock) R Hodges 7-10-7	W Irvine (4)	93
15	155005-	WILTSHIRE YEOMAN 148F (D,G,S) (Brig A Sisson) P Hayward 8-10-7	R Guest	97
16	6/0511P-	YANKEE SILVER 361 (D,G,S) (T King) G Gracey 7-10-6	Miss Z Davison	86
17	20/0363-	GIVE UP 455 (S) (B Eddishaw) Mrs P Sly 7-10-0	M Bastard	—
18	0/00330-	DON PIPER 342 (F) (R Panayi) J Jenkins 6-10-0	M Ahern (4)	92
19	1245-60	DOUBLE OPTION 56 (D,F) (J Quinn) J Davies 7-10-0	S McCrystal (7)	—
20	6/3442-2	BAYTINO 100 (M Thomas) J Long 5-10-0	R Goldstein	82
21	004655-	COSMIC FLIGHT 48F (H Davies) D Burchell 5-10-0	D J Burchell (4)	73
22	0P0/00-0	ASTRAL LADY 9 (C,G,S) (Mrs C Dook) Mrs C Dook 7-10-0	S J O'Neill	—

Long handicap: Give Up 9-12, Don Piper 9-4, Double Option 9-2, Baytino 9-1, Cosmic Flight 8-13, Astral Lady 8-10.

BETTING: 11-4 Might Move, 4-1 Star Of A Gunner, 11-2 Jazetas, 13-2 Eurocon, 8-1 Heyfleet, Hamper, 10-1 Nap Majestica, Sir Perdo, 12-1 Baytino, Tamatour, 14-1 Wiltshire Yeoman, 16-1 others.

FORM HAMPER is well regarded by connections but was disappointing last term. However he turned in a good performance last time when 3l 3rd to Sheer Nectar at Worcester (2m 2f, firm), with ANIECE (8lb better off) 17½l 7th, and could improve further over this more suitable trip.
JAZETAS won a handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m 30yd, good to soft) last season but has disappointed since. Finished a never nearer 36l 4th of 6 to Sabin du Loir at Ascot (2m 4f, good to firm) on his seasonal bow.
MIGHT MOVE stayed on at one pace when 4l 2nd to Cliffalda at Wolverhampton (2m, good) on only start last season. Acts on soft and hails from Martin Pipe's flourishing yard.
HEYFLEET successful in novice events at Stratford (2m, good to soft), Windsor (2m 30yd, soft) and by a head from Whistling Edge at Doncaster (2m 150yd, firm) last season.
STAR OF A GUNNER made a pleasing seasonal debut when 1l 2nd to Barrara Lad at Windsor (2m 30yd, good).
Selection: HAMPER

CATTERICK BRIDGE

Selections

By Mandarin

12.30 Yaheeb.
1.00 Apple Wine.
1.30 Pacifiste.
2.00 Galloway Raider.
2.30 Rockmartin.
3.00 Persillant.

By Michael Seely

1.30 Whats What. 2.00 Galloway Raider.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 LUCKY WEST.

Going: good

12.30 STREETLAM NOVICES HURDLE RACE (Div I: £680: 2m) (18 runners)

1	1	YAHEEB 11 (D,S) (A Fawcett) M W Easterby 4-11-7	Gar Lyons (4)	● 99
2		BATON BOY 43F (S Pedersen) J Wainwright 7-11-0	R Fahey (4)	—
3	0-60	CHICO VALDEZ 11 (L Naylor) M Chapman 4-11-0	—	—
4	P0-0	ENCHANTED COURT 23 (John Barratt-Atkin) G Oldroyd 4-11-0	W Stephens (7)	—
5	40F	FLAXON WORRIOR 6 (Miss B Baker) A Le Blond 4-11-0	P Niven	—
6	0	KHARIF 6 (Tag Design Limited) R Allan 4-11-0	J Mooney	—
7	0	LESZKO LE NOIR 14 (Dr Al Muchnik) N Tinkler 4-11-0	G McCourt	—
8	54-3	PALM READER 26 (G Turner) W A Stephenson 4-11-0	A Merrigan	—
9	540-	QUEEN'S BAY LAD 221 (Freddie Starr) O Brennan 4-11-0	M Brennan	—
10	24	*SHARON'S ROYALE 11 (D Gill) R Whitaker 5-11-0*	R Beggan	82
11		TRUE GENT 35F (Harvey Ashworth) C Bell 4-11-0	L Wyer	—
12		YOUNG PAGEANT 475F (R Dods) R Dods 4-11-0	J Hansen	—
13	R60-006	ALISTAIRS GIRL 19 (Miss E Reed) W Reed 5-10-9	T Reed	67
14	P00U-P0	ANRIKA 9 (D Lee) D Lee 5-10-9	B Smith (7)	—
15		FATU HIVA 33F (Mrs I Schubert) John FitzGerald 4-10-9	G Bradley	—
16		MY WILLOW 443F (Mrs A Scott-Harden) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-9	M Dwyer	—
17	00	PATIENT DREAMER 6 (J Holland Fox) H Collingridge 4-10-9	S Woods (4)	70
18	25005	PRETTY GAYLE 19 (J Eyre) Denys Smith 6-10-9	M Hammond	79

BETTING: 4-5 Yaheeb, 11-2 Leszko Le Noir, 6-1 Fatu Hiva, 12-1 Sharon's Royale, True Gent, Palm Reader, 14-1 My Willow, 16-1 others.

1987 MEETING ABANDONED - FOG

1.0 KIPLIN SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,030: 2m) (18 runners)

1	45-5014	ORIENTAL EXPRESS 7 (CD,F,S) (A Watson) Ronald Thompson 5-12-3	M Pepper	88
2	0-6	HARD NECK 83 (Mrs K Birkett) J Birkett 5-12-3	J O'Gorman (7)	—
3	1300	BEAU GUEST 82 (D,F) (W Sellers) J Parkes 6-12-2	R Fahey (4)	● 99
4	2U362	APPLE WINE 9 (D,F,G,S) (T O'Gram) D Chapman 11-11-12	M Dwyer	96
5	2P643R	NEW KINGSGROVE 7 (G) (P Purcell) P Monteith 9-11-11	D Nolan	91
6	*05-54P6*	*MARTINELLI 9 (D,F,G) (I Johnson) C Beever 9-11-8*	C Dennis (4)	94
7	0P00-R0	SWIFT WARRIOR 11 (D,G) (Will Hargreaves) D McCain 7-11-7	N Doughty	—
8	42UP/0-5	KAM HILL 44 (D,S) (Brian Culley) O Brennan 6-10-13	M Brennan	93
9	05046-6	CONOR'S ROCK 50 (D,F) (Mrs H Atkin) Miss A Atkin 8-10-9	S Selby (7)	97
10	6PF5/F	LUCKY RECORD 9 (H Pickering) J Leigh 6-10-8	Ger Lyons (4)	—
11	00-04U3	CAPRICORN BLUE 9 (W Barker) Mrs P Barker 5-10-8	P A Farrell	92
12	0000-F3	TOSHEN BOY 18 (Mrs M Lamb) D Lamb 8-10-7	K Jones	95
13	045600-	GEEBEETEEVEE 202 (Greer And Bell Television) Mrs S Austin 7-10-5	P Niven	94
14	31-0000	DOHTY BABY 11 (D,F) (R Whiting) R Thompson 4-10-5	C Hawkins	98
15	00/6/P	PRINGLE 9 (Norman Park) T Donnelly 9-10-5	L O'Hara (7)	—
16	0PPP-F	MONKS TIME 74 (A Forty) Mrs S Austin 9-10-5	D Wilkinson	—
17	0F0P-	TUFTY LADY 43F (T Davis) I Campbell 4-10-5	R Campbell	—
18	*563-600*	JUST SPUD 11 (D) (J Smith) J Smith 7-10-5	S Davies (4)	92

BETTING: 5-2 Apple Wine, 7-2 Oriental Express, 6-1 Kam Hill, Martinelli, 10-1 Toshen Boy, 12-1 Capricorn Blue, 14-1 others.

1.30 CHARLES VICKERY MEMORIAL CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,660: 3m 1f 80yds) (9 runners)

1	21113-1	*PACIFISTE 18 (CD,S) (M Hallyer) Mrs M Dickinson 8-12-5*	R Beggan	● 99
2	1F0U3-2	WHATS WHAT 25 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs D Bousfield) B Bousfield 9-11-8	P Niven	98
3	046-233	FREDCOTERI 18 (G,S) (Terence Murphy) G Moore 12-11-5	M Hammond	96
4	FU/4230-	TARGET MAN 236 (C,F,G,S) (M Britton Ltd) W A Stephenson 8-11-3	A Merrigan	93
5	1613U-2	CANDY CONE 18 (CD,F,G) (Mrs R Brewis) R Brewis 8-10-13	B Storey	94
6	1-11P65	BESSACARR BOY 14 (F,G) (P Hinchliff) G Richards 7-10-10	J Hansen	95
7	336P-53	*THE WILK 9 (CD,F,G) (F Scotto) W A Stephenson 9-10-6*	J O'Gorman (7)	98
8	12/2PF-P	HY TAB 7 (F,G,S) (Mrs Mary Rutherford) P Monteith 11-10-0	J K Kinane	97
9	200-PP3	GLEN LOCHAN 9 (F,G,S) (Lady Cadogan) N Crump 8-10-0	P Harle (4)	80

Long handicap: Hy Tab 9-13, Glen Lochan 9-12.

BETTING: 15-8 Pacifiste, 3-1 Whats What, 5-1 Candy Cone, 13-2 Fredcoteri, 8-1 The Wilk, 14-1 Target Man, 16-1 Glen Lochan, Bessacarr Boy, 33-1 Hy Tab.

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
R Brewis	6	14	42.9
N Tinkler	7	22	31.8
Mrs M Dickinson	6	20	30.0
M H Easterby	18	63	28.6
B Bousfield	3	14	21.4
G Moore	10	53	18.9

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Hammond	11	49	22.4
M Brennan	10	57	17.5
N Doughty	6	37	16.2
G Bradley	4	31	12.9
R Marley	4	31	12.9
L Wyer	6	47	12.8

Guide to our in-line racecard

1	113143	GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0	B West (7)	88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.0 BROMPTON AMATEUR RIDERS NOVICES HURDLE (£680: 3m 1f 80yd) (17 runners)

1	31	GALLOWAY RAIDER 5 (S) (J Bianchi) Denys Smith 4-12-0	M Thompson	● 99
2	046	ARCTIC ADVENTURE 26 (M Proudfoot) Miss J Eaton 5-11-7	Miss L Eaton (7)	—
3	0FPF-00	BANTEL BANZAI 18 (Ian Park) I Park 5-11-7	N Tutty (4)	—
4	P0PP64-	CAYDALE 204 (David Cook) P Liddle 9-11-7	A Kirtley (7)	76
5	R/P00-P	CROSSETT CRUSADE 133 (E Caine) E Caine 8-11-7	R Ford (7)	—
6	00/U60	DAVID WOOD 7 (Roy Robinson) Roy Robinson 6-11-7	H Brown (7)	—
7	00-045P	DECENT MAN 9 (J Read) P Beaumont 5-11-7	Mrs A Farrell (4)	92
8	50/000-0	DIVINE PROBLEM 6 (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 6-11-7	A Costello (7)	—
9	0P	GEOSTAR 11 (W Morgan) J Leigh 4-11-7	W Morgan (7)	—
10	PPP005/	MUXLOW 657 (David Pritchard) Ronald Thompson 10-11-7	D Pritchard (7)	—
11	0U/P-0S0	PRINCE LEONARDO 22 (W Butler) D Wintle 8-11-7	Miss A Butler (7)	—
12	2360-32	*THE ANTARTEX 23 (BF) (The Edinburgh Woollen Mill) G Richards 5-11-7*	P Doyle (7)	94
13	0/000	COUNTESS CROSSETT 22 (E Caine) E Caine 6-11-2	S Charlton (7)	—
14	FPPP0-P	FORTINA'S FOX FIRE 21 (Miss C Morris) J Morris 8-11-2	—	—
15	454-00	IRENE'S DAUGHTER 53 (G) (Mrs K Birkett) J Birkett 6-11-2	G Messenger (7)	—
16	0	MILL FARM GIRL 26 (P Williams) Mrs M Dickinson 5-11-2	G Cosgrove (7)	—
17	060-0F0	MRS MUDDLE 22 (K Toland) R Barr 5-11-2	S Swiers (4)	—

BETTING: 5-4 Galloway Raider, 4-1 The Antartex, 9-2 Decent Man, 6-1 Divine Problem, 8-1 Caydale.

2.30 BOBBY FAULKNER MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY NOVICE CHASE (£1,566: 2m) (14 runners)

1	0PF0F-B	CANTA-LAD 7 (P Monteith) P Monteith 5-11-4	D Nolan	—
2	6F-FB40	DIACONUS 4 (National Pig Development Co) D Lee 7-11-4	P Niven	88
3	F	EDGE OF THE WIND 67 (S Lycett Green) N Crump 6-11-4	P Harle (4)	—
4	5000-F2	GREENHEART 9 (J Upson) J Costello 5-11-4	R Dunwoody	87
5	0-50554	INTO THE GLEN 9 (P Piller) W A Stephenson 5-11-4	A Merrigan	77
6	6F	KNOCK THRICE 18 (W Lofthouse) B Wilkinson 6-11-4	A Orkney	—
7	11/	LAKINO 786F (F,G) (G Horsford) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-4	M Dwyer	—
8	1114/U2	NORVAL 7 (F) (N B Mason Ltd) G Richards 6-11-4	N Doughty	● 99
9	P6005P/	RAWTHEY BANK 596 (N Riddell) A Brown 6-11-4	R Marley	—
10	*2-10116*	*RINGMORE 11 (F,G) (W Sellers) J Parkes 5-11-4*	R Fahey (4)	—
11	2F056-3	ROCKMARTIN 18 (F,S) (M D M Racing Limited) C Thornton 6-11-4	D Wilkinson	88
12	2/412/	ROYAL GREEK 746 (G) (John Renton) G Moore 6-11-4	M Hammond	—
13	000202-	MAREJO 194 (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 7-10-13	B Storey	84
14	5P-0025	WARCHANT 25 (F,G) (E Wilkinson) R Whitaker 6-10-13	R Beggan	92

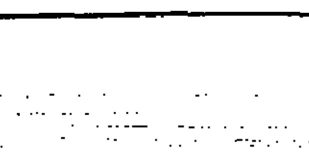
BETTING: 5-2 Norval, 7-2 Rockmartin, 9-2 Ringmore, 5-1 Warchant, 6-1 Lakino, 10-1 others.

3.0 STREETLAM NOVICES HURDLE RACE (Div II: £680: 2m) (17 runners)

1	B	BARNABY BENZ 11 (T Bennett Group) M H Easterby 4-11-0	L Wyer	—
2	6P034-B	BATTLE STING 6 (Mrs S A Ward) Mrs S Ward 4-11-0	J O'Gorman (7)	79
3	P000-2	BELLEPHERON 26 (C Rennison) W Storey 5-11-0	K Doolan	88
4		CENTRASPIREBUILD 270 (J Upson) J Costello 4-11-0	R Dunwoody	—
5	006-00F	COPPER MARKET 32 (Lord Cadogan) N Crump 5-11-0	P Harle (4)	77
6	0-50	DANRIBO 6 (P Roche) J Parkes 5-11-0	R Fahey (4)	—
7	000050-	JOHN CORBET 184 (J Thompson) D Lee 5-11-0	D Nolan	—
8		PERSILLANT 61F (Raymond Gomersall) N Tinkler 4-11-0	G McCourt	—
9		ROSTHERNE 562F (Jimmy Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-0	M Dwyer	—
10		ROYAL ROB 560F (Michael Thompson) C Bell 4-11-0	J J Quinn	—
11	P	SEVERS 11 (C St.George) M W Easterby 5-11-0	C Ryan (7)	—
12	00	SILVER TAMARIS 9 (Mrs J Tinning) W Tinning 7-11-0	K Jones	—
13	4P	SUPER TRUCKER 11 (James Adams) W Haigh 5-11-0	D Byrne (4)	84
14	532	LUCKY WEST 11 (Tony Aarons) G Moore 5-10-9	M Hammond	● 99
15		MISS EMILY 47F (Michael Hill) D Chapman 4-10-9	R Beggan	—
16	00P-P0F	REDDY GIRL 18 (M Allen) M Avison 4-10-9	R Marley	—
17	P00	WORKADAY 11 (C N Wilmot-Smith) A Smith 6-10-9	J A Harris	—

BETTING: 6-5 Lucky West, 9-2 Bellepheron, 5-1 Super Trucker, 11-2 Persillant, 6-1 Miss Emily, 10-1 Rostherne, 12-1 Battle Sting, 14-1 others.

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Results from yesterday's two meetings

Fontwell Park

Going: good to soft

12.45 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, WINGETTS (W Irvine, 100-30 jt-fav); 2, Barsoora (D O'Sullivan, 100-30 jt-fav); 3, Playfields (A Charlton, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 The Cobalt Unit (5th), 7 Street Level (4th), Southdown Spirit, 10 Ayad (f), Sterling Virtue (ur), 20 Miss Talli (6th), 33 Square-Rigged (pu), Wolver Plume (ur). 11 ran. 7l, 6l, 25l, 3l, 25l. Miss L Bower at Alresford. Tote: £3.80; £1.70, £2.00, £16.00. DF: £6.30. CSF: £13.81. No bid.

1.15 (2m 6f hdle) 1, GROVELANDS (R Goldstein, 5-1); 2, Short List (R Rowe, 10-11 fav); 3, Never A Penny (Mrs C Elliott, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Robeson (5th), 9 R Lad (4th), 10 Fairytale Ending (6th), 25 Star Formula, Up Indian (pu), 33 Antibiotic (pu), Combined Ops (pu), Fighting Lad (pu), Hawthorn Jacks, Mischievous Alfie (pu), Park Light, The Undertaker, Rosea Plena (pu). 16 ran. 1½l, nk, 12l, ½l, not recorded. R Curtis at Carshalton. Tote: £4.80; £1.10, £1.30, £5.30. DF: £3.70. CSF: £8.63.

1.45 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, BREAKFAST CAR (H Davies, 11-4); 2, Impeny (P Scudamore, 6-1); 3, The Lockpenny Man (M Perrett, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Maltredee (5th), 10 Yellow Stag (pu), 12 Snitterfield, Boardsman Style (ur), 16 Autumn Zulu (4th), 50 Major Tom (6th). 9 ran. 12l, 2l, 3l, 6l, 1l. D Grissell at Heathfield. Tote: £2.90; £1.50, £1.80, £1.10. DF: £8.50. CSF: £18.37. Tricast: £38.40.

2.15 (2m 2f hdle) 1, GREY SALUTE (D Murphy, 7-1); 2, Ryde Again (H Davies, 6-1); 3, Persian Style (R Rowe, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Stepaside Lord (5th), 11-2 Heart Of Stone (4th), 6 Gods Fox, 10 Matbar (pu), 20 Ruling Dynasty (6th), 33 Smithy Bear, 50 Ricmar, Fairnhome Lad. 11 ran. 8l, ½l, 3l, 5l, 12l. J R Jenkins at Royston. Tote: £10.70; £3.10, £2.40, £1.80. DF: £52.60. CSF: £45.32. Tricast: £173.70.

2.45 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, SHANBALLY BOY (G Bradley, 8-11 fav); 2, Brickyard (Peter Hobbs, 5-1); 3, Tumble Jack (Mr T Moore, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Robert Henry (ur), 25 Boyne Salmon (pu), 33 General Frost (f), La Belle Rose (pu). 7 ran. 30l, dist. D Murray-Smith at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.40. DF: £3.20. CSF: £4.27.

3.15 (2m 2f hdle) 1, KETTI (H Davies, 25-1); 2, Fetcham Park (P Scudamore, 7-2); 3, Mary O'Reilly (P Holley, 100-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Patenier, 5-2 Occamist (6th), 12 Last Shower, San Giovanni (4th), Doc's Coat, 16 Pomatum (5th), 33 Ivor's Lad (pu), Kadir, Mummy's Song, 50 *Manoushka (pu), Martin's Song*, Ohbee (pu), 100 Brave Setanta, Dynamo (pu), Brackland Gem (pu), Orientessa (pu), Silver Sleek (pu). 20 ran. 4l, 2l, 2½l, 2l, 8l. D Grissell at Heathfield. Tote: £28.10; £4.00, £1.60, £21.20. DF: £55.70. CSF: £112.35.
Placepot: £43.10

Leicester

Going: good (chase course); soft (hurdles)

12.30 (2m hdle) 1, PARADISE BEACH (T Wall, 10-1); 2, Overdraft (S J O'Neill, 16-1); 3, Elegant Stranger (S Smith-Eccles, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav King of The Clouds, 7 Touching Star (4th), 8 Madia, 10 Love On The Rocks (5th), 12 Cobo Bay, Cuva (f), Aber Cothi, Fantasie Impromptu, 14 Glamgram's Best (pu), 16 Brandeston, *Monteros Boy, Ny Over, 20 Colombiere*, Sukuk, 33 Bold Vintage, Co-Tack, Fortune Green, Javert, Titus Gold (6th). L'Ancressaan. 23 ran. NR: Jabrut, Daily Sport Soon. 1½l, 4l, 12l, sh hd, sh hd. B McMahon at Tamworth. Tote: £29.10; £7.40, £8.20, £1.40. DF: £284.00. CSF: £183.44.

1.0 (2m hdle) 1, DAWN ROMP (S Turner, 7-2); 2, Saunders Lass (W Hayes, 11-10 fav); 3, Winnie The Witch (A Rollo, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Gaelic Lover (f), 16 Abadere (4th), 40 Nickel Alloy (5th). 6 ran. 3l, 4l, 10l, dist. O Brennan at Newark. Tote: £4.20; £1.60, £1.30. DF: £2.20. CSF: £7.89. No bid.

1.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, CRUMPET DELITE (M Pitman, 6-4 fav); 2, Sum Insured (S Sherwood, 13-8); 3, Twighlight Moth (C Evans, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Democratic Boy (f), 10 Sneakapenny (f), 14 Buckby Folly (4th), 33 *Mystery Clock (r)*, 50 Listennell, Paupers Gold (5th), Saxstead Green (pu), Sunydaze (6th), The Frozen Padre, 100 Bothrin (pu), Toytown (f), Marina Plata. 15 ran. 12l, 2l, 7l, 15l, 2l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £3.60; £2.00, £2.00, £2.00. DF: £4.90. CSF: £4.42.

2.0 (3m ch) 1, SEAGRAM (P Nicholls, 11-8 fav); 2, Numerate (S Sherwood, 2-1); 3, Quiet Fall (J J Quinn, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 French Captain (ur), 10 On The Twist (4th), 33 Canon Class (5th). 6 ran. NR: Sommelier. 4l, nk, 10l, dist. D Barons at Kingsbridge. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £1.80. DF: £3.90. CSF: £4.63.

2.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, MAMORA BAY (M Pitman, 25-1); 2, Rebel Song (S Sherwood, 8-13 fav); 3, Ibn Majed (M Dwyer, *100-30*). ALSO RAN: 6 Polyfemus, 16 Comra (6th), Royal Gossip (5th), 20 Darcander (4th), 33 Lover Bill, Fay Valantine (r), Tachytina. 10 ran. NR: My Challenge. Hd, nk, ½l, 10l, 3l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £20.80; £3.80, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £26.70. CSF: £43.11.

3.0 (2½m hdle) 1, TYRED N'SNOOKERD (M Richards, 20-1); 2, The Ram (J Osborne, 8-1); 3, Fort Liss (P Nicholls, 7-1); 4, Restandbethankful (D Telfer, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Bushido, 10 Woodlands Genpower, 14 Camden Belle, My Derya, 16 Colonel Popski, Pyleigh Court, Squire Jim, 20 Rosie Cone, Five Lamps, Bel Creation, My Skiway, 25 *Oryx Minor* (5th), Rusty Roc, Edozien, Royal Charge, Polecroft (pu), 33 Ascenmoor, Mists of Time, What Ya Call (pu), End of The Road, 100 The Bradford, Veindre (pu), Dreadnought (6th), *Dusty Farlow*. 28 ran. 4l, nk, hd, 5l, 3l. P Hedger at Chichester. Tote: £28.50; £4.20, £4.70, £1.80, £6.00. DF: £8.00. CSF: £180.90. Tricast: £1,170.91.
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TENNIS: LENDL, THE DEFENDING CHAMPION, IS FINALLY DETHRONED AFTER GRUELLING MARATHON

Becker pulls off Master plan

From Richard Evans
New York

Madison Square Garden has witnessed many extraordinary sporting contests but few will have surpassed the final of the Nabisco Masters in which Boris Becker eventually deprived Ivan Lendl of his coveted title, winning 5-7, 7-6, 3-6, 6-2, 7-6.

At 4hr 43min it broke records for longevity and it nearly broke poor Lendl's heart. No player could have done more in defence of a title he had virtually made his own over the past seven years and no one could have lost the last agonizing point on such a stroke of ill fortune. Had it been Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier out there, the judges would have called it a draw, so slim was the evidence of superiority of one man over the other.

After more than 4½ hours the match stood at 6-6 in the fifth set and both players had won exactly 157 points. In the end just two points divided them but it was the last that will come back to haunt Lendl on dark winter nights.

It was 6-5 to Becker in the tie-break and the first match point for either player. Becker put in a second serve, stayed back and immediately a fierce baseline rally developed that saw both players going for the kind of big forehands that had become such a feature of the match. Having failed to pierce each other's defences, the tempo slowed and, as the 17,000 crowd gasped in wonderment, the rally changed to a probing series of under-sliced backhands which kept lower and lower on the Supreme carpet.

By now the ball had crossed the net more than 30 times and the tension was excruciating. Finally, on the 37th shot of the rally, Becker's backhand caught the tape and hung, for a split second, in the air.

"Oh no, please don't do that," Lendl pleaded with the ball. But it didn't listen. Dropping into Lendl's court, it stripped the Master's cloak from this brave and worthy champion who had come so close to salvaging something from the wreckage of his year.

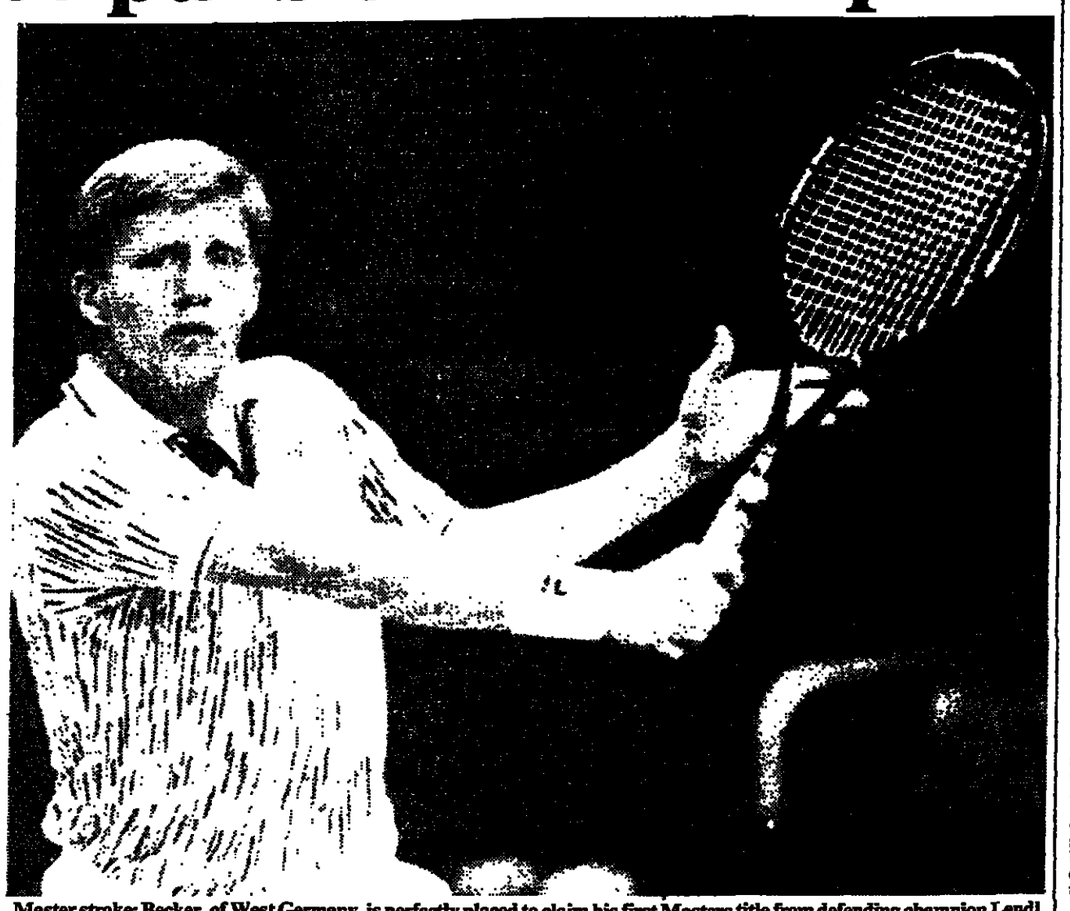
Becker, almost dazed with exhaustion, said: "I don't know it has happened yet. It's a long time, Wimbledon in 1986 in fact, since I had this kind of win and I have learned a lot since. I have learned especially that the good things do not come easily."

Becker praised his Australian coach, Bob Brett, who once offered his services to the Lawn Tennis Association. "Bob and I got on a very good track together," Becker said, "I'm a sensitive animal and he found the right words and the right things to help me."

Crucially, Brett told Becker to keep a tight rein on his volatile temperament. The advice proved priceless late in the fifth set when Lendl, who had been running like a stag to make numerous impossible gets, lunged for a short ball and shovelled it back right on to the tape. The ball flew high into the air and Becker, who was poised for the put-away volley, could only stab at it helplessly. Had he won the point he would have been 0-30 on Lendl's serve at 5-5.

A similar thing happened in the next game when he dropped serve to leave Lendl serving for the match. The second dose of bad luck could have destroyed Becker mentally but instead he fought back with such unwavering determination that he was able to force his way into the net, breaking back for the loss of only two points.

Lendl's first serve deserted him in the deciding tie-break and he managed to win only two of his six service points before that desperate rally on match-point sealed his fate.



Master stroke: Becker, of West Germany, is perfectly placed to claim his first Masters title from defending champion Lendl

GOLF

Consistent Mayo challenges for lead

From John Hennessy
La Manga

Paul Mayo, of Wales, the 1987 British amateur champion, has handsomely achieved his ambition at his first PGA qualifying school here, making the 72-hole cut in this six-round tournament.

A 68 yesterday, three under par for the North course, not only gave him 12 shots to spare on 276 at 10 under par, it also put him within one shot of the lead, held jointly by Alberto Binaghi (Italy), Jesper Parnevik (Sweden) and Rick Hartmann (United States).

With a stiff breeze blowing, Mayo hit every green in the conventional number of strokes and it was mostly a question of whether or not the birdie putts would drop. They did on three occasions, from two feet at the long third, from six feet at the short eighth and from six inches at another long hole, the 15th. The only moment of alarm in another admirably controlled round of golf was when his tee shot at the long 11th came within six inches of going out of bounds.

Mayo is the only British player in the top eight, a reflection on the gathering strength of the game across the Channel, save only for Hartmann's intrusion.

Parnevik, the overnight leader, dropped shots at three successive holes from the 11th, but the Swedes are resilient characters in golf as well as in tennis. An eagle three at the 15th, where he hit a four-iron to 20 feet and holed the putt, and a wedge to six feet at the 17th, brought him back to par for the round.

The 72-hole cut fell on 288, leaving, as usual, some distinguished names out in the cold, none more so than that of Jack Nicklaus, son of the master, on 298. "I arrived here in good form and was encouraged by a first round of 70, but I haven't played well since," he said.

Others who failed included David Wood (289), a Welsh international, Craig Laurence (290), a former English match-play champion, Jeremy Robinson (291), his stroke-play equivalent, and David Ecob (293), of Australia, the holder of the European Open amateur title.

LEADING SCORES (British and Irish unless stated): 275: J Parnevik (Swe), 68, 69, 67, 71; A Binaghi (It), 68, 70, 67, 70; R Hartmann (US), 69, 67, 71, 68. 276: P Mayo, 68, 67, 73, 68; M Farry (Fr), 68, 71, 67, 70; J Tumba (Swe), 66, 70, 70, 70; U Nilsson (Swe), 69, 68, 68, 71. 277: L Hederstroem (Swe), 70, 69, 70, 68; M Jimenez (Sp), 73, 67, 70, 67. 278: D James, 70, 70, 66, 72. 279: P Carrigill 67, 70, 72, 70; C Gray, 66, 74, 72, 67; J Mouhica (Fr), 73, 68, 66, 72. 280: S Stephen, 68, 68, 74, 70; M Krantz (Swe), 72, 65, 72, 71; V Singh (Fiji), 71, 68, 72, 69. Others: 282: M Davis. 283: P Hoad. 284: J McHenry. 285: J Hawksworth. 286: P Broadhurst. 287: W Henry. 288: D Curry, P Girvan.

Scotland role gives Brand chance to show his maturity

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Melbourne

Gordon Brand Jnr surprised even himself when he won the South Australian Open by the preposterous margin of seven strokes only five days after arriving in Australia three weeks ago. Now his objective is to help Scotland win the Philip Morris World Cup, starting here on the Royal Melbourne course tomorrow.

"It would make it a fairytale month out here for me," he said. "I flew down here a week after missing the half-way cut in the Volvo Masters. But I had one of those pure weeks in Adelaide. It was quite extraordinary."

Brand, despite his junior tag to avoid confusion with his namesake on the PGA Tour, assumes the role of elder statesman this week. His partner is Colin Montgomerie, who 12 months ago this week was engaged in the frenetic task of earning his card on to the PGA European tour via the qualifying school.

Montgomerie's rise from Walker Cup player in 1985 to the Scottish team excels even that of Brand, who took from 1979 to 1984 to make the transition. "I know how Colin is going to feel," Brand said. "I felt very nervous when I teed up for the first time with Sam Torrance in Rome. I'm determined to give this week everything if only because I know how much it is going to mean to Colin.

"I think we have a very good chance of winning. The course will suit Colin because he is a very steady player. And steadiness is the name of the game in this event because, quite honestly, it is difficult to get two guys playing well together over four rounds of stroke-play."

Brand cites the case of Wales winning the World Cup in Maui, Hawaii, last year as a reason why he and Montgomerie can approach the event with optimism. "Wales won because Ian Woosnam was there." Brand said. "I mean no disrespect to David Llewellyn but Woosie, the way he was playing then, could have pulled anyone along. I'm not the same as Woosie, but together I think Colin and I are probably as good a team as Wales were last year. So why should we not win?"

Brand, with six victories on the PGA Tour between 1982 and 1987, was disappointed that he did not record another success in Europe last season. He mostly attributes that to refining his swing to erase the destructive shots which too often tarnished his scoring. To achieve that he has worked with increasing diligence on the practice range under the studious eye of Bob Torrance.

"We've been concentrating on everything from posture to takeaway," Brand said. "My hands were too high and I was standing too far away from the ball. Since I have started standing closer to it I'm getting the club into a better position at the top so that when I do mis-cue it is not as destructive as it was."

Brand does admit that after another arduous season he is in need of recharging the batteries. He will not arrive home in Queen Charlton, the farming village between Bristol and Bath, until December 19 because he moves on from here to represent Europe in the Kirin Cup in Hawaii.

"I'll be ready by then to put the clubs away," he said. "I'll play some snooker. I'm going to do some running and some physical fitness training . . . and some drinking. But what I will enjoy most is sitting in my own home for more than a month, without travelling, watching the television and having a cup of tea with toast and syrup."



Brand: sweet taste of success

£100,000 mixed event

The heavy schedule of amateur tournaments received another to its ranks yesterday when C & A, the chain store group, announced it is to spend £100,000 annually on a tournament for mixed club players.

The Rodeo Champion of Champions competition will be decided on net aggregate and around 1,000 players are expected to compete in seven regional stroke-play qualifying events. The leading 60 pairs will then go through to an 18-hole final at Woburn on October 12.

The sponsors will carry all the costs, but each club to enter its top man and woman players will be asked to donate £50 to the Prince's Trust. This is expected to raise more than £30,000 towards helping disadvantaged young people aged 14 to 25.

Attention focuses on British failure

From Barry Wood, Melbourne

While Great Britain returned to the practice court yesterday in an effort to erase memories of their shock defeat by Indonesia and to prepare for the consolation event, the National Tennis Centre in Melbourne was still buzzing with news of their defeat in the first round of the NEC Federation Cup.

The Australian team's victory over Israel was almost ignored by the local media as Britain's disgrace stole the headlines, and the Indonesians — who play Spain today — were feted by television and radio throughout the day.

On the playing front, the United States proved they may be a difficult nation to stop when they completely overwhelmed Switzerland.

Lori McNeil took only 40 minutes to defeat Sandrine Jaquet, 6-0, 6-1, and Gigi Fernandez and Patty Fendick took 42 minutes to win 6-0, 6-0 over Jaquet and Emanuela Zardo. Sandwiched in between, Barbara Potter beat Eva Krapl 6-2, 6-4.

RESULTS: First round: Czechoslovakia 3, Brazil 0; United States 3, Switzerland 0; Canada 2, South Korea 1; New Zealand 3, China 0; Argentina 3, Greece 0; Denmark 3, Luxembourg 0; Finland 2, Hungary 1; Sweden 3, Bulgaria 0.

● Sarah Loosemore will participate in the Hopman Cup eight-nation team event that takes place in Perth at the end of December. Loosemore joins Jeremy Bates in a field that includes Pat Cash, Steffi Graf and the return of Hana Mandlikova after six months of injury.

● The 1989 Federation Cup, again sponsored by NEC, will be held in Tokyo from October 1-8. The International Tennis Federation announced yesterday that 40 countries have entered the women's World Team Tennis Championships.

The ITF, meanwhile, has also formally declared Steffi Graf, of West Germany, and Mats Wilander, of Sweden, as world champions.

Sideshow takes centre stage

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The Nabisco Masters doubles tournament, to be played at the Albert Hall from today until Sunday, is the doubles equivalent of the singles event won by Boris Becker in New York on Monday. These are play-off festivals for the most successful singles players and doubles teams of the year-long grand prix circuit.

Next year will be the last for both events as we have come to know them. From 1990, the Association of Tennis Professionals will run its own tour, shunting the grand prix from the main line into the sidings. The effect will be to maintain the status of the play-off tournaments while adjusting their nature.

Provisionally, the ATP plans to reunite the singles and doubles in one climactic promotion, as it was until the split in 1986, and to take this showcase of professional tennis around the world, which was the custom until the Masters settled in New York in 1978. In accordance with the wishes of most players, the event will probably be contested a month earlier and will not always be played on carpet-like indoor surfaces.

All that makes sense, though the chosen sponsors will obviously influence the selection of venue and, consequently, surface. The only regrettable feature is that unless the format is unusually imaginative, the doubles will lose its special status and resume its former role as something of a sideshow.

That can be prevented. At the highest level singles and doubles have become specialized crafts. The same players are unlikely to qualify for both play-off series: an embarrassment that used to present players and organizers with scheduling problems. Nowadays, it is unlikely that a singles competitor would stay up half the night playing doubles. Doubles could feature more prominently in the order of play.

The origins of the Albert Hall tournament had nothing to do with the grand prix or the Masters. The Dallas-based promoters, World Championship Tennis (WCT), used to run a tour independent of the grand prix. The WCT tour had its own play-off series for singles players and, in 1973, introduced a separate climax for doubles teams.

This was more successful than the equivalent grand prix Masters doubles, and in 1986 the two events were merged, with WCT organizing the combined doubles festival. The tournament beginning today will be WCT's sixteenth. The first six were played in North America, the rest in England.

Like the Masters singles, the doubles begins with all-play-all matches in two groups of four. This is good for the spectators, who have at least three chances to watch their favourite players, and good for the competitors, who can afford to lose a match while playing themselves into form at a time of year when their tennis may have lost a little of its edge.

The field includes three teams who won grand slam titles earlier in the year: Ken Flach and Robert Seguso (Wimbledon), Sergio Casal and Emilio Sanchez (United States), and Rick Leach and Jim Pugh (Australia).

SKIING

Girardelli stakes his claim

From Iain Macleod, Sestriere

The much vaunted battle for World Cup overall supremacy between Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzerland, and Alberto Tomba, of Italy, yesterday was given a new dimension when the only man with a proven ability to beat them at their own game won his first slalom for three and a half years.

Marc Girardelli, the Austrian-born skier who competes for Luxembourg, and who suffered cruelly from injuries last season, emphasized that he is back to his best.

He completed the two runs of the Kandahar piste in 1min 47.31sec, giving him an impressive margin of victory of 0.89sec over the former world champion, Jonas Nilsson, of Sweden. Paul Accola, of Switzerland, was third.

Vying with Girardelli for attention, however, was Italy's national hero, Tomba, the Olympic and World Cup slalom champion, who has had a mediocre start to the season.

Nonetheless, it failed to deter an estimated crowd of 15,000 — four times more than had been expected — from clambering on to the steeply inclined slopes of this high-altitude resort.

The noise and colour should have been Tomba's inspiration: instead he squandered a clear lead at the intermediate time on the second run, and when he missed the gate there was an almighty, collective sigh of disappointment.

Tomba, who finds himself under almost intolerable pressure to repeat last season's phenomenal form (he won nine World Cup races), said: "It was just bad luck. I wanted to go too fast. I went too close. But I know there's nothing wrong. I'm in good shape."

But if Tomba's career has taken a temporary nosedive, Girardelli, winner of the overall title in 1985 and 1986, and the only man besides Zurbriggen (who failed to qualify for the second run yesterday) who can win in all four disciplines, has closed to 15 points the gap between himself and the Swiss in this season's competition.

Girardelli attributes his changed fortunes to two factors: he has ironed out technical problems, and last spring adopted, to great effect, different ski boots.

Girardelli clearly seems to be more relaxed. At one stage at the beginning of last season he failed to finish in four consecutive races.

Now, he is back with a vengeance.

RESULTS: 1, M Girardelli (Lux), 1min 47.31sec (52.20/55.11); 2, J Nilsson (Swe), 1:48.10, (52.58/55.52); 3, P Accola (Switz), 1:48.65 (53.32/55.32); 4, A Bittner (WG), 1:49.12 (52.64/56.48); equal 5: T Okabe (Japan), 1:49.33 (54.58/54.95); B Gstrein (Austria), 1:49.53 (54.47/55.06); 7, F McGrath (US) 1:49.83 (53.79/56.04); 8, M Tritscher (Austria), 1:49.93 (53.49/56.44); 9, O Christian Furusuth (Nor), 1:49.97 (54.23/55.74); 10, C Gerosa (It), 1:50.06 (54.10/55.95). Leading overall World Cup positions: 1, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 50pts; 2, Girardelli, 35; 3, H Enn (Austria), 21; equal 4, R Nierlich (Austria), Nilsson and F Piccard (Fr), 20; 7, Strolz, 19; equal 8, L Stock (Austria) and Accola, 15; equal 10, Tomba, H Mayer (Austria), Bittner and M Wasmeier (WG), 12; equal 14, Okabe and Gstrein, 11. Leading Nations's Cup positions: 1, Austria, 260pts; 2, Switzerland, 155; 3, West Germany, 130; 4, France, 97; 5, Italy, 49.

RUGBY UNION: ROMANIA'S LINEOUT STRENGTH COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS

Tackling relieves stalemate

By Michael Stevenson

Hymers College 6
Coleraine Academy 6

A game wholly fashioned by wind-blown errors ended in a draw at Hull in a spirited but otherwise eminently forgettable contest. But the tackling was excellent, with the Hymers flanker, Singh, superb. Predictably, this meant that the sides tended to cancel each other out.

Hymers had a great chance of an early lead, when Singh picked up neatly, fed Andrew and, when he was high-tackled, Ashton missed what should have been a straightforward penalty in the gusting wind.

Ashton almost made amends, when he came in to the line, beat one man and chipped diagonally for Cupples to tidy efficiently. Immediately, Gibbons ran well down the left for Hymers but was tackled and penalized for not releasing.

It was appropriate that the stalemate should be broken by two errors. After a scoreless first half. Beggs hoisted to the Hymers post; Gibbons, misjudging the hanging ball, let it bounce and O'Neill collected for Beggs to convert.

Coleraine led for one minute only. On the resumption, Beggs had an intended clearing kick charged down by Park, Andrew collected and scored under the posts for Ashton to level the score with the conversion.

It could be argued that Coleraine were unlucky not to win as they finished strongly, hammering away at the Hymers line, after a loose pass back by Dennett had initiated a period of pressure compounded by a missed touch by Ashton and some nervous handling.

Scorers: Hymers College. Try: Andrew. Conversion: Ashton. Coleraine. Try: O'Neill. Conversion: Beggs.

HYMERS: N Ashton; J Burgess, N Park, M Lord, D Gibbons; P Cook, W Dennett; A Russell, P Craig, C Bellamy, M Singh, P Kitchen, C Andrew, R Taylor, S Mitchell.

COLERAINE ACADEMY: C Andrews; T Woodside, C O'Neill, I Coulter, C Cupples; R Beggs, K Beattie; D Sherrard, G Linton, G Houston, O Turkington, G Logan, C Livingstone, M Dobson, M Nelson.

Referee: J Gravell (Yorkshire Society).

Wales lose injured Norster

By Owen Jenkins

Robert Norster has pulled out of Wales's international against Romania at Cardiff on Saturday because of a split tendon on the middle finger of his left hand. The second-row forward was examined by the Welsh Rugby Union surgeon, Harold Richards, at a training session last night and has been advised not to take part.

John Ryan, the Wales coach, said: "Bob will have an operation on his injured finger on Thursday and will be out until the end of December. A decision will be made as to his replacement tomorrow night. It is obviously a disappointment but the good news is that he will be fit for the five nations championship."

Kevin Moseley, of Pontypool, has been drafted in to the squad and he is the likely contender to take Norster's place.

Ryan, who has been studying video films of the Romania v France match, said of the opposition: "They're very strong up front and we expect a lot of competition at the lineouts. Romania did well in the lineout against France, especially in the middle where they have a tall, athletic jumper.

"I think we'll have to use our strength in the backs. We've got to vary our game. If we move the ball too quickly we'll give their back-row free reign. We need to tie them down and the idea is to give our backs good, quick ball.

"The fact that Romania did so well against France has been a positive thing for us. Our players will be more motivated and nobody will be expecting us to have a romp, unlike against Western Samoa. It will be a more competitive game and we will have to play well to beat them.

● The Irish RFU has announced the reserves for the international trial on December 17.

RESERVES: F Dunlea (Lansdowne), K Hooks (Ards), P Clinch (Lansdowne), W Harbinson (London Irish), P Purcell (Lansdowne), R Keyes (Constitution), M Bradley (Constitution), J Fitzgerald (Young Munster), T Kingston (Dolphin), P Miller (Ballymena), A Riggins (UCG), P Johns (Dungannon), C Pim (Old Wesley), P Collins (London Irish), M Gibson (London Irish).

● Rob Andrew, the England stand-off half, has dropped out of the North's divisional championship campaign because of a rib injury.

Midlands restore four despite injury doubts

By David Hands

More in a spirit of hope than anything else, the Midlands have restored to their divisional team the four players who were forced by injury to withdraw from the side beaten 27-9 by the North last weekend.

Thus Hodgkinson (full back), Dodge (centre), Thomas (scrum half) and Richards (No. 8) are included against the South and South-West at Beeston this Saturday. Thomas must remain an extremely doubtful quantity; he has not played for some weeks. Richards, too, is still not happy with the shoulder injury which has been causing him problems.

Pearce, the Northampton and England prop, will miss the match after damaging his knee at Otley. His place at tight-head goes to Mosses, of Nottingham, who deputized so effectively for him against the Australians in October. It has been an unlucky season for Pearce; a broken thumb kept him out for six weeks and now he suffers another set-back.

The South-West are due to confirm their team today, having checked on the well-being of Buzza after the University match and crossing their fingers that Halliday may yet be fit to play.

London, meanwhile, have reverted to the XV which should have played against the South-West last week for their game against the North at Imber Court — that is, Harriman, the Harlequins wing, and Rendall, the Wasps prop, are restored after injury.

MIDLAND DIVISION (Nottingham unless stated): S Hodgkinson; B Evans (Leicester), P Dodge (Leicester), G Hartley, S Hackney; L Cusworth (Leicester, capt), S Thomas (Coventry); L Johnson, B Moore, G Mosses, J Wells (Leicester), M Reid (Leicester), M Bayfield (Metropolitan Police), G Rees, D Richards (Leicester).

Injury lets in Mason

Glasgow Schools have been forced to make one change from their original selection for the Bank of Scotland under-18 schools district championship game against Lothians Schools at Millerston tomorrow. McDiarmid, the Kelvinside Academy tight-head prop, is injured and his place goes to Mason, of Glasgow Academy.

Lothians Schools will make a last-minute choice at centre of two from Milligan (Stewart's Melville), and the Heriots pair, Edwardson and Tomkin.

Pace and skill are blended for Edinburgh

By Alan Lorimer

Edinburgh's under-21 team to meet the Anglo-Scots at Myreside on December 17 will be led by Peter Wright, the Boroughmuir and Scotland under-21 prop. Murray Walker, his club-mate, will occupy the pivotal position in a back division which has both pace and skill.

Edinburgh are particularly potent on the wings with Forrester, who has scored 14 tries this season for Currie and McRobbie, who has reaped the benefits of playing in New Zealand in the summer by scoring three tries at the weekend.

While the bulk of the team has been chosen from first and second division clubs, there are five players who play in the lower divisions. They are:Maclean, Henderson, Burnett, McKelvie and Ward.

EDINBURGH UNDER-21: S Maclean (Corstorphine); A McRobbie (Heriot's FP), F Henderson (Trinity Academicals), R Adam (Edinburgh Academicals), S Forrester (Currie); M Walker (Boroughmuir), N Burnett (Edinburgh Uni); A McMurray (Watsonians), G McKelvie (Haddington), P Wright (Boroughmuir, capt), J Middleton (Watsonians), S Peat (Heriot's), B Ward (Leith Academicals), G Simpson (Heriot's), A Elias (Currie). Replacements: C Hamilton, R Gray (both Edinburgh Uni), K Smith (Heriot's FP), A Cadzow (Stewart's Melville), J Parrot (Edinburgh Academicals), D Wilson (Currie).

YACHTING

Madec on route to the front

By Barry Pickthall

Despite losing seven hours repairing the damage caused by a speciator boat at the start of the Route of Discovery transatlantic race on Sunday, Jet Services, the 75ft French catamaran was back in the running last night. Skippered by the transatlantic record holder, Serge Madec, the yacht was expected to take the lead last night as the 20-strong fleet headed towards the third turning mark in the Canary Islands on the way to the West Indies.

The leading monohull yesterday was Merit, Pierre Fehlmann's Swiss Whitbread Round the World entry, which held a tenuous three-mile advantage over Union Bank of Finland, skippered by Ludde Ingvall.

With Integrity, under the command of Andrew Coghill and sailing with an amateur crew, led British hopes in tenth place, 72 miles behind the leaders.

LEADING POSITIONS: 1, Merit, P Fehlmann (Switz), 3,319; 2, Union Bank of Finland, L Ingvall (Fin), 3,322; 3, Hispania, J Toubes (Sp), 3,330; 4, Belmont Finland II (J Harkimo, Fin), 3,333; 5, Gatorade (G Falk, II), 3,336. Leading British positions: 10, With Integrity (A Coghill), 3,391; 12, Maldon Great Britain (T Edwards), 3,397.

● The world windsurfing championships for production boards was again abandoned yesterday

RUGBY LEAGUE

Referees told to send off players for tripping

By Keith Macklin

Fred Lindop, the new director of referees, has lost no time in waging war against foul tackles and dangerous play.

In his first address to senior referees, at Leeds, he called for a firm line on deliberate tripping and off-the-ball tackles, instructing referees instantly to dismiss the offenders.

Referees have been confused for many seasons about the correct punishment for some offences, and the introduction of the sin-bin intensified their bewilderment by giving them an option which, in many respects, fudged the issue.

Tripping has always been regarded as a nasty offence, but no one before Lindop has defined instant dismissal as the proper punishment.

The instruction on off-the-ball fouls still leaves the match referee to decide whether the incident is of sufficient gravity, and the injury caused sufficiently serious, to warrant dismissal rather than a lecture and a penalty.

Lindop made it clear that he does not favour the use of the sin-bin as an alternative in the circumstances.

● Gary Hyde, the long-serving Castleford centre, will tell Oldham today whether he will join them. The clubs agreed a fee of £15,000 and Hyde is considering Oldham's contract offer.

"I'm 90% certain he will sign," Tony Barrow, the Oldham coach, said.

MOTOR SPORT

Toleman and Lee look to mean business

Ted Toleman and Barry Lee will be embarking on one of the toughest test drives in history on Christmas Day when they climb aboard their £100,000 TG89 Enduro for the Paris-Dakar rally (Jeremy Hart writes).

Toleman, competing in his third "Dakar" is not only aiming to finish this year, but to show his 130m. p. h car off to prospective buyers.

"Now the car has the potential to finish the rally we have found a market for selling the Enduro," Toleman said. "Other teams have approached us about buying the car, but more significantly the military have shown interest in the car as a fast pursuit vehicle — so whatever happens this year the rally will have taken a new turn for us in business terms."

The £250,000 team was launched in Oxfordshire yesterday — just a few weeks after Toleman and Lee had been testing in the dunes of Tunisia — part of the new route for the Paris-Dakar.

"The car handled beautifully in Tunisia but when it came to testing the car at over 100m. p. h I let Ted drive," Lee said. "When we come to crossing Libya I think we'll be doing that speed, at least and keeping our mouths shut."

● ROME: John Barnard, the British designer, has denied he has an ultimatum from Ferrari to complete a new car for the 1989 Formula One motor racing season.Speaking in Spain after testing the prototype which will form the basis for the revised model, Barnard said he hoped the car would be ready by the end of January.

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Westminster are back in the pink

By George Chesterton

Traditionalists will be pleased that Westminster have returned to their pink shirts. The change seems to have inspired them, as they followed last week's success over Charterhouse with a 6-2 win against St Edmund's Canterbury. They owe much of this to the midfield direction of Nicholas and to Worthington, who plays for a Chelsea Junior 11, he has scored seven times in the last three matches, including three goals against St Edmund's.

Wellingborough were pleased with a 2-2 draw at Highgate. At two goals down, McClurg scored the best goal of the match, volleying in a hard shot from the corner, and Crosby scored the equalizer.

Aldenham went down 2-3 at home to Chigwell. The score was 1-1 at half time. Carpenter then put the visitors one ahead with a fine solo effort, Cham chipped a ball over the goalkeeper to put Aldenham on level terms again. Ten minutes from time, Levy headed in a corner to give Chigwell victory.

A keen, fast game at Lancing saw Hampton come out winners with a late goal, scored after a series of skilful passes, which set Webster up to shoot from eight yards. In the English Schools Trophy, Sunderland, are the only side from the North-East to go through to the fifth round. They defeated Derby 4-2, all their four goals coming during a 20 minute period

Millfield have won the Somerset Under-19 County Cup for the sixteenth time in the 20 years they have entered. Six of their team have played for the county and of these, McKenna, Taylor and Royall have had international trials.

FOOTBALL: TRAVEL-BATTERED SCOTS GRAB A REST BEFORE DEFENDING THEIR THREE-GOAL UEFA CUP LEAD IN HEARTLAND OF YUGOSLAVIA

Hearts braced for bruising defence of British honour

From Roddy Forsyth, Mostar, Yugoslavia

If the whole of the first half of the Scottish championship has been a deeply depressing experience for Heart of Midlothian, the players and management were at least reminded of their alternative status when they arrived in Yugoslavia yesterday for their *UEFA Cup third round* second leg tie with Velez Mostar.

The handful of Edinburgh supporters who accompanied *the official party produced a* cheerful chorus of "There's only one team in Europe" as the Hearts plane made a sickeningly bumpy landing in high winds at Split airport.

The chances are that Hearts will still be Britain's sole representative in any of the three European tournaments when the ballot for the quarter-finals is made in Switzerland on Friday but the rigours of their journey to this somewhat remote mountain resort served as a reminder that further progress is far from guaranteed despite a 3-0 lead from the first leg in Scotland two weeks ago.

The flight from Edinburgh turned out to be equivalent to less than half of the travelling time and it took a further three hours by bus to bring the team along the precipitous road which winds above the cliffs of the Adriatic Riviera.

All of yesterday's *daylight* hours were spent in the tiresome business of travel but at least the Tynecastle players were able to loosen their confined limbs with a brief evening training session at the Partisan Stadium *which is the* venue for a match to be played this afternoon to save the cost of floodlighting the pitch.

The playing surface is sodden after days of rain and even the fierce gales which gust through the limestone gorges *of this region will not make a* significant impact on the overlying moisture so the chances of elegant football being produced by either side today are remote.

Every sign suggests that Hearts will be obliged to endure an intense and physically draining contest which will try both their temperament and their concentration.

Mostar have been reinforced by the return of their regular striker, Juric, who missed the first leg because the Yugoslav army declined to release him from service. The military authorities were not much more sympathetic to his pleas to be allowed to play in the return leg but someone at Mostar has apparently pulled strings and Juric joined his team-mates yesterday.

Against his presence, however, Mostar will be without, three of their customary squad because of suspension.

In the Scottish camp, the main worries concern the midfield player, Neil Berry, who has a damaged ankle and Eamonn Bannon, the former Dundee United forward, who scored one of Hearts' goals in the first leg.

He has suffered an infected leg wound but declared last night that treatment by antibiotics had been positive and that he felt able to play.

Italian hopes are high

By Keith Blackmore

Inter Milan, Napoli, and Juventus, the three leading *teams in the Italian* first division, carry their country's best hopes of advancing to the last eight of the UEFA Cup this evening.

Inter will be particularly disappointed if they do not progress, having beaten Bayern Munich, the leaders of the West German first division, 2-0 in *Munich in the first leg.*

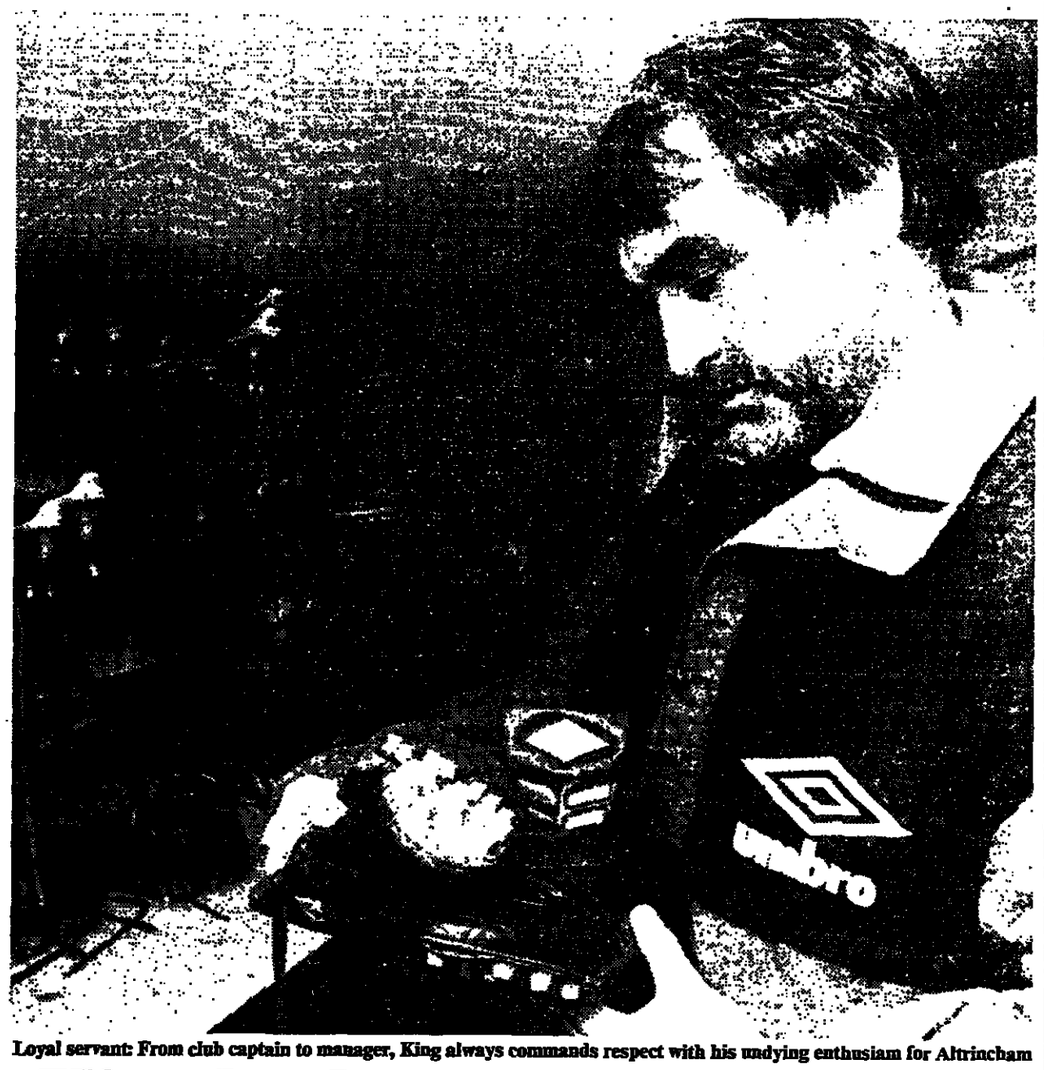
Their success this season has rested largely on the performances of the German midfield players, Matthaus and Brehme, and the young Italian, *Berti*, who scored the memorable second goal in Munich. Zenga, the Inter goalkeeper, and Thon, the Bayern midfield player, may *miss the match because of* injury.

Napoli, who have easily beaten Juventus and AC Milan in recent weeks, entertain Bordeaux, having secured a one-goal lead in France.

Bordeaux have performed indifferently in the French league this season, and are expected to include Olsen, who was recently acquired from Manchester United. They will be without Roche, who like de Napoli, of Napoli, will be suspended, having been sent off in the first leg. Maradona will *make his 200th appearance* for Napoli.

Juventus also won 1-0 away in their first-leg match against FC Liege and put themselves in the *right frame of mind to improve* on the lead by beating Pisa 4-1 on Sunday.

A fourth Italian team, Roma, face a more demanding task, *having lost their first-leg match* to Dynamo Dresden 2-0. They will also be hampered by the absence, through injury, of five first team players.



Loyal servant: From club captain to manager, King always commands respect with his undying enthusiam for Altrincham

King leads troops by example

By Paul Newman

FA CUP

For a man who has seen and achieved so much in semi-professional football, the most impressive aspect of John King's attitude to his job as manager of Altrincham is his sheer enthusiasm.

"Every game is the highlight of my career," he said. "Whether it's in the League, the FA Cup, or any other competition, I love every match that I'm involved in."

On Saturday, King leads his team into an FA Cup second round tie at home to Halifax Town, hoping to register Altrincham's 14th victory over Football League opponents, which would be a record for a non-League club.

No one has been more central to Altrincham's recent achievements than King, who captained the Cheshire club in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and in two spells as manager has maintained its fine Cup reputation.

King, who runs his own scaffolding business on Merseyside, dismisses any suggestion that there might be a "secret" to Altrincham's Cup success, other than "having players who have the will to win".

Yet Geoff Lloyd, the GM Vauxhall Conference club's chairman, sees King's ability to communicate his enthusiasm and commitment to his players as the crucial factor.

"John is the best man-manager in non-League football," Lloyd said. "He's a marvellous motivator. He brings out of players abilities which they didn't even know they had.

"They respect him enormously because of what he achieved for the club as a player, and they know that anyone who gives less than 100 per cent will not last long under him.

"He is very professional. When John Motson asked to do a television piece on him and the players, John King insisted that Altrincham should not be portrayed in the same way that Southport had been in the last round, as the usual stereotyped non-League collection of butchers, bakers and candlestick makers.

"We will go about Saturday's game in the same professional way that Halifax will, and John wants his team to be shown simply as footballers, doing their job on the pitch."

In King's first, two-year spell as manager, Altrincham finished fifth and fourth in the Conference, won the FA Trophy at Wembley, and reached the second and fourth rounds of the Cup. In winning 2-1 away to Birmingham City, they became only the fifth non-League club in 61 years to knock out first division opponents.

Between his departure, immediately after the Trophy triumph *in 1986*, and his return three months ago, Altrincham had three managers, John Williams, Tommy Docherty and Jeff Johnson, saw their Conference form slump and *lost their only* FA Cup tie against League opponents.

King and his assistant, Graham Heathcote, another former player, inherited a team which had lost three of its first four Conference matches this season, but Altrincham have lost only *once in 13 Conference fixtures* since they began a rapid rebuilding programme.

Even Cup success has returned. In the fourth qualifying round Altrincham overcame Macclesfield Town, then second to top of the Conference, and in the first round proper they beat Lincoln City 3-2.

With a Cup record over the past nine years of seven wins and one defeat against fourth division opponents, Altrincham *are seen in some quarters as* favourites to beat Halifax on Saturday, but King will quickly dispell any complacency in the dressing-room.

"We know that Halifax are a fourth division side and we're not," he said. "People talk about Halifax being a good team going forward, but they have some pretty good defenders as well. Being able to work at their game every day of the week must be a huge advantage for them. They have to be the favourites."

Change of role for Gosney

Portsmouth have unearthed an unlikely new goalscorer in the shape of their goalkeeper, Andy Gosney. Gosney, aged 25, has switched roles to lead the reserves' attack and so far he has responded by scoring both their goals in the last two games. He headed in at Ipswich and, on Saturday, scored from a 20-yard *shot at White Hart Lane.*

He said: "The other lads are enjoying it because they get more joy from high balls and crosses. It gives them an extra option. I make a good forward. I'm also enjoying it. Most goalkeepers fancy themselves outfield and hopefully I can keep scoring."

● *Ray Harford, the Luton man*ager, is likely to sign the Hendon forward, Iain Dowie, after the player has served a three-match ban which starts on Saturday, and two weeks' notice with his job.

The forward, who has scored 27 goals this season for the Vauxhall Opel League premier division side, is employed as an *engineer by British Aerospace in* Hatfield.

● Lawrie Madden, the Sheffield Wednesday defender, is available on a free transfer the club announced yesterday. The manager, Peter Eustace, said Madden wanted to go into coaching or management.

● Reading are hoping to sign the central defender, Domenyk *Newman*, from the Beazer Homes League side, Fareham. The clubs have agreed an undisclosed fee and Reading are now waiting for the computer *analyst to make his decision.*

● Ian Handysides, the Birmingham midfield player forced to retire from pro*fessional football after an opera*tion to remove a brain tumour, has been presented with a £5,250 tax bill. The club has been told that gate receipts of *£35,000 from his benefit game* against Manchester United last week are subject to 15 per cent VAT. Birmingham have vowed to appeal if the deduction is enforced.

Sheringham tipped for England by Robson

Bobby Robson, the England manager, has praised the part Teddy Sheringham has played in Millwall's successful start to their first season in the first division.

Robson said: "Sheringham has shown outstanding form and is a very useful player. He got into the England Under-21 side last season and could possibly become a full international if he can prove himself to be a consistent performer."

The England manager, who must be concerned about the erratic form of his main forward, Gary Lineker, sees Sheringham as a future prospect.

"Sheringham has a physical presence but he has a lot more to offer as well," Robson said. "He has proved himself to be a clinical finisher.

"Teddy and his partner, Tony Cascarino, have scored a lot of goals this season and have played major parts in Millwall's rise up the first division table. Millwall must be quite delighted with him and now it's up to Teddy to soldier on and show that he can continue to produce the goods."

Cascarino believes that his Millwall colleague could do a good job for Robson. "One of the big things in his favour is that he goes looking for the ball. He will run all over the place," Cascarino said.

Irish Cup gets extra boost from sponsors

Sponsorship of the Irish Cup is being increased by Bass Ireland Limite this seasonby 10 per cent to £15,000 (George Ace writes). The winners will receive £5,500, the largest sum ever to be offered.

Details were announced by Brian Houston, marketing manager of Bass, in Belfast yesterday. As well as a sliding scale of awards for the runners-up, the beaten semi-finalists and quarter-finalists, there will be four personality awards.

David Bowen, the secretary of the Irish Football Association, said his Association was delighted to be connected with Bass, which is its eleventh year of sponsorship.

Dejected Shaw teams up with Austrians

By Chris Moore

Gary Shaw, the former Aston Villa forward, turned his back dejectedly on English football last night after agreeing to join Klagenfurt, the Austrian club.

Shaw, aged 27, the golden boy of Villa's European Cup triumph in 1982, had hoped to return to the Football League after a successful spell in Denmark with KB Copenhagen, for whom he scored five goals in 12 games.

"What the money clubs are paying for players these days I can't believe that I'm not worth a phone call as a free agent," Shaw, a former European young footballer of the year, said.

"A lot of people thought I was finished after having to undergo six knee operations before I left Villa last season.

"But I've been playing regularly for the last 18 months with no ill-effects. I had hoped to have the opportunity of proving the critics wrong but it doesn't look as though I will get the chance."

Klagenfurt offered Shaw a contract after he scored in their 3-1 win over Graz last weekend.

● Jan Molby is one of three senior players in Liverpool's squad for tomorrow night's Guinness Soccer Six championship at Manchester. The others are Bruce Grobbelaar, the goalkeeper, and Peter Beardsley, the England forward.

Fashanu and Anderson are called to hearing

John Fashanu and Viv Anderson will offer their versions of the Plough Lane "tunnel incident" to an FA disciplinary commission in London on December 20. Both players have been charged with bringing the game into disrepute over the fracas after Wimbledon and Manchester United met in a Littlewoods Cup tie on November 2.

Anderson, the United and England full back, claims he was struck by Fashanu, while the Wimbledon forward maintains the opposite view.

● The Football League is to settle the dispute between Middlesbrough and Oldham Athletic over the date for a postponed Simod Cup first round match. Middlesbrough, the home club, want to play the game next Wednesday, but Oldham prefer Tuesday night because they also have a second division game at Ipswich Town next Friday.

● *Ray Hankin, of non-League* Guisborough Town, has received a three-match suspension after being booked for not wearing the captain's arm-band *and then being dismissed* for protesting in the FA Cup first round against Bury.

● Plymouth Argyle will start their match against Watford on January 2 at 2 p. m.

● BAGHDAD: FIFA has lifted its ban on Iraq staging international matches

Boxing judges to compute contests

COMMENTARY



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Controversial judging decisions in amateur boxing, which were *conspicuous at the Olympic* Games in Los Angeles and Seoul, are likely to be reduced or even eliminated by the use of computerized scoring *techniques.*

Such computers, already in use in the Soviet Union, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Switzerland, will be tested in international competition in Bulgaria and East Germany early next year and will be used in the European championships in Athens in June and the world *championships in Moscow* in September.

Professor Anwar Chowdhry, president of the International Amateur Boxing Association (*AIBA*), *announced this yes*terday at the general assembly of the Association of National Olympic Committees.

After sharp criticism by Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, of disorder in the ring in Seoul and of biased judging, and also the continuing medical criticism of the alleged dangers of boxing, Chowdhry has taken urgent action to protect amateur boxing's future on two fronts.

On November 4 he met privatelywith Samaranch and yesterday he addressed the IOC medical commission on safety precautions. Samaranch had softened his attitude with a statement on November 18 in Puerto Rico, at the meeting of Pan-American NOCs, that he would not permit the elimination of boxing from the Olympics, which some had been seeking.

"There is always scope for difference of opinion in judging," Chowdhry said yesterday. "Just as there is in judo, gymnastics, diving, skating and wrestling. The boxing judging in Seoul was in fact superior to that in LA, but was undermined by one or two very bad decisions. You cannot defend this. However, the computer system will *completely remove such de*cisions as the wrongful defeat of the American, Jones. It will be foolproof."

The Russian computer, which is the one to be used internationally, registers the instant recording of judges every time they consider a legitimate blow has been landed on the target area.

These judgements are logged, and make impossible the practice of "impression judging", by which the judge makes an arbitrary decision at the conclusion of the bout, with the possibility of an imbalance of marking between the early and later, more immediate, phases of the bout.

"We have already seen the computer in Leningrad, and by the end of 1989 it will become compulsory in all international competition," Chowdhry said yesterday. The IOC medical commission has been advised of an in-depth study of the physical effects of boxing on competitors being carried out by the Johns Hopkins University of the United States.

This investigation, the magnitude of which makes it unique, was commissioned in 1986 by the US Amateur Boxing Federation. The university is analysing 500 randomly chosen boxers in six cities over a four-year period, with epidemiologic surveys and a determination of any excessive medical risk. Dr Walter Stewart is the principal investigator.

Chowdhry yesterday drew the medical commission's attention to the relative safety of boxing compared with several other sports. There is no boxing fatality in Olympic history or in the amateur world *championships.*

There were 107 nations competing in Seoul and the AIBA believes the protection of boxers, predominantly in the 17-21 *age group, is protected by* these eight factors:

The compulsory use of approved headguards and gumshields; a compulsory four-week rest after a severe bout and a standing count of eight after a knockdown; complete technical records of every boxer with heart and brain scans; effective drug control, with no positive cases in Seoul; referee intervention to protect weaker boxers; doctors in attendance before, during and after competitions; heavier gloves for higher weight categories; and a doctor's option to halt a bout at any time.

On November 1 Robert Voy, the chief medical officer of the US Olympic Committee, wrote to Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the medical commission, to draw his attention to misinformation circulating about boxing and to the extensive provisions for safety which were being taken, particularly within the US, where amateur boxing remains a major sport.

Move for ban

The suspension of weightlifting from the Olympics in the wake of drugs scandals at Seoul is to be proposed by a leading Olympic official at a two-day meeting starting today. Dick Pound, the Canadian vice-president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), will put the proposal to a meeting of the IOC Executive Board.

Five weightlifters were among 10 competitors found guilty of using banned drugs at the Olympic Games.

Sharp in doubt

Graeme Sharp, Everton's Scotland forward, has a torn groin muscle and is set to miss the televised League match on Sunday, but Ian Rush is ready to return after injury for Liverpool.

SNOOKER

Pulman vexed by Hendry's lack of drive

By Steve Acteson

John Pulman, the snooker world champion for 11 years from 1957 — the days when sponsors were non-existent and prize-money a rarity — was a puzzled man yesterday as he pondered upon Stephen Hendry's pronouncement that he had become "bored" and "lacking in motivation" during his quarter-final victory over Dennis Taylor in the Everest World Matchplay tournament on Monday.

Pulman, the treacle-voiced doyen of snooker commentators, found it almost impossible to believe that Hendry could admit to such disinterest during any tournament, let alone one carrying a *first prize of £100,000.*

Hopefully Hendry will have rekindled his inner fires by the time he plays John Parrott in their semi-final tomorrow.

Pulman said: "*If Stephen is* finding it hard to motivate himself at the age of 19, then what is going to happen to him when he's 35? It's a little difficult to understand. I find his statements nonsensical, especially when he's playing for this amount of prize-money. I lost motivation for the game myself . . . after 38 years."

Jimmy White, the world No. 2, also seemed to be lacking something yesterday when he *slipped 3-0 behind against Terry* Griffiths. White swiftly repaired the damage, however, reeling off the next five frames, including a break of 92 in the seventh, to *lead by two frames with nine to* play.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: J White (Eng) beat T Griffiths (Wales), 5-3 (41-73, 98-79, 39-78, 68-5, 97-1, 83-20, 97-1, 68-13); S Hendry (Scot) bt D Taylor (N Ire), 5-7 (55-75, 78-41, 75-47, 78-8, 35-83, 67-60, 44-98, 58-60, 43-59, 5-118, 82-0, 79-38, 41-62, 0-88, 112-12, 84-6).

CRICKET

Brittin back in form to overwhelm Dutch

From Carol Salmon, Sydney

England reached the half-way stage of their Shell bicentennial women's World Cup campaign *with a nine-wicket win over* The Netherlands in Sydney.

The Netherlands were bowled out for 97 in 60 overs with the best figures going to the last change bowler, Carole Hodges, who took four for 14 in 10 overs.

Inspired by 48 not out from Janette Brittin, who was back in form, and an equally impressive *unbeaten* 39 from Wendy Watson, England reached 98 for one in 29.3 overs.

The left-arm spinner, Caroline Barrs, finished her 12 overs *with five maidens in a row* and her one for seven takes her to eight wickets for the tournament, England's best haul.

With The Netherlands rarely able to penetrate the field, England bowled 56 overs in the 2½ hours before lunch.

The day's surprise was England's decision to put The Netherlands in to bat on winning the toss.

England's run rate is considerably less than that of their rivals, and with The Netherlands conceding more than four runs an over in their previous three matches, England could have reaped a rich reward.

But the England captain, Jane Powell, said that a threat of rain made her opt for a quick four *points for the win.*

THE NETHERLANDS

L Vernout lbw Smith	0
N Payne run out	16
A van Lier c Powell b Barrs	27
B van Teunenbrook run out	17
I Schoof b Hodges	18
H Dinnissen b Hodges	5
C H Grevers b Hodges	0
I Dutter c Smith b Hicken	0
E Veltman c Aspinall b Hodges	2
A Venturini c Aspinall b Hicken	1
†I Koppe not out	1
Extras (lb 3, w 4, nb 1)	8
Total	97

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-48, 3-53, 4-70, 5-83, 6-85, 7-90, 8-95, 9-96.

BOWLING: J Aspinall 8-4-8-0, G Smith 5-1-8-1, P Lovell 7-1-21-0, C Barrs 12-8-7-1, C Taylor 7-1-18-0, K Hicken 10-2-20-2, C Hodges 10-1-14-4.

ENGLAND

C A Hodges c Grevers b Dutter	1
W A Watson not out	39
J A Britlin not out	48
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 5, nb 1)	10
Total (for 1 wkt)	98

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2.

**J Powell, K Hicken, J C Aspinall, P A Lovell, G A Smith, C E Taylor, C J Barrs, †I. Nye did not bat.*

BOWLING: E Veltman 6-0-27-0, I Dutter 8-4-11-1, A Venturini 8-0-26-0, L Vernout 4-0-9-0, C Grevers 2-0-11-0, A van Lier 1.3-0-10-0.

Umpires: D Mack, B Carlin.

	P	W	L	Pts	Rate
Australia	3	3	0	12	4.09
England	4	3	1	12	2.59
New Zealand	3	2	1	8	3.97
Ireland	4	1	3	4	1.99
The Netherlands	4	0	4	0	1.35

CYCLING

In search of a venue

Three cities are on the short-list to host the British qualifying race for the new cycling World Cup competition on July 30 next year (Peter Bryan writes).

Alan Rushton, the organizer of the Kelloggs Tour of Britain, who is responsible for Britain's contribution to the 12-race series, said yesterday that he was looking at possible circuits in the Midlands, North and the North-East.

"I need a course that is hilly without being mountainous and which can preferably be closed to all other traffic," he said.

Rushton appears to have been allocated the "plum" date of the year.

BOXING

Wenton out to extend his unbeaten run

By George Ace

Nigel Wenton, a super-featherweight prospect from Merseyside, and John Lowey, a former amateur international from Belfast, are in two back-up fights on a Barney Eastwood promotion at the Ulster Hall tonight.

Wenton, aged 19, who has yet to come out for the fourth round in five fights, meets John Bennie, of Scotland, while Lowey, who reached the last 16 in the Seoul Olympics, meets Sean Casey, of Derry, at bantamweight.

Topping the bill is a middleweight bout between the former Irish champion, Sam Storey, and Darren Hobson, of Leeds.

● Chris Pyatt, of Leicester, the former European light-middleweight champion, *is to meet the* Hollywood-based Nigerian, Young Dick Tiger, at the York Hall, Bethnal Green, on December 14.

Warren rejects claims he did not pay purses

Frank Warren, the promoter, has denied that Herol Graham and his challenger, Johnny Melfah, have not been paid for a recent British middleweight title bout.

Warren's angry reaction came after Graham's manager, Barney Eastwood, had lodged an official complaint with the British Boxing Board of Control, claiming that Graham was still waiting for the purse from the defence against Melfah two weeks ago.

Eastwood claims more than £22,000 is due from Warren while Billy Aird, the manager of Melfah, said that a £16,000 *purse was still due to the* Gloucester boxer.

"Both managers should really get their act together before making irresponsible statements *to the Press,*" Warren *said.* "Payment has been made to Billy Aird and the cheque was sent on the 29th November.

"As far as Herol Graham is concerned he has been paid and payment was made in accordance with instructions we received from Herol. There is no complaint from the boxer regarding non-payment.

"According to the amount claimed for Melfah's purse in the Press by Billy Aird it would appear that this manager is unable to get even this correct. No official complaint regarding any non-payment has been made by Billy Aird to the British Boxing Board of Control."

Earlier in the day a spokesman for Eastwood said a solicitor's letter had been forwarded to the Board, who in turn confirmed that a complaint had been received.

Eastwood has the option of making a claim against the bond Warren lodged with the Board *before the contest.* Under Boxing Board regulations Warren is required to make purse payments within seven days of the promotion.

SQUASH RACKETS

Opie decides to rest from competition

Lisa Opie, tired and dispirited after her surprise defeat by Alison Cumings in the semi-finals of the InterCity National Championships last week, is to rest from competition at least until the end of January (Colin McQuillan writes).

Cumings is likely to play at second string for England in the European Championships, at Dublin from January 6, with Donna Vardy, the leading England junior, moving into the squad as a possible fifth string.

Martine Le Moignan, promoted to No. 1 on this month's England ranking list after defeating Cumings to take a second national title, will lead the line in Dublin. Lucy Soutter is nominated at second string, but she is out of the game with a staphylococcus infection

England rankings: 1, M Le Moignan (Hampshire); 2, L Opie (Nottinghamshire); 3, L Soutter (Gloucestershire); 4, A Cumings (Surrey); 5, F Geaves (Nottinghamshire); 6, S Horner (Yorkshire); 7, D Vardy (Nottinghamshire); 8, S Wright (Kent); 9, F Roberts (Hampshire); 10, A Smith (Staffordshire).

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

MANCHESTER: Guinness Soccer Sixes: Group C: Manchester City 3, Queen's Park Rangers 2; Queen's Park Rangers 2, Norwich City 4; Norwich City 4, Manchester City 0.

Group D: Luton Town 1, Millwall 0; Sheffield Wednesday 3, Millwall 1; Luton Town 2, Sheffield Wednesday 1. Play-off final: Norwich City 5, Luton Town 1 (Norwich qualify for finals).

DOHA (Qatar): Asian Nations Cup: Group A: South Korea 2, Japan 0; Group B: China 1, Bahrain 0.

FA TROPHY: Third qualifying round replay: Dagenham 0, Croydon 0 (set replay on Monday).

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Oldham 4, Scunthorpe 1.

FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Derby 1, Coventry 1; West Bromwich 3, West Ham 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Hednesford 3, Mile Oak 0.

MIDDLESEX JUNIOR CUP: Hounslow 2, Kingsbury 3; Old Meadonians 9, Grasshoppers 8.

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: Third round: Brentford 1, Ipswich 1.

GREENE KING SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Beckton v Wealdstone.

KNIGHT FLOODLIT LEAGUE: Stevenage Borough 5, Cranfield United 0.

SURREY CUP: Old Reigatonians 6, *Streatham/Croydon B (away team wins).*

HOCKEY

PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE
Premier division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lyons	7	7	0	0	23	5	21
Ealcote	8	6	0	2	14	9	18
Fareham	8	5	1	2	19	5	16
Old Tauntonians	7	5	1	1	18	9	16
Trojans	7	5	1	1	14	6	16
Winchester	7	5	1	1	16	10	16
Marden Ripsters	9	5	0	3	12	9	15
Oxford Hawks	8	4	2	2	15	13	14
Bicester	8	3	1	4	15	15	10
Chichester	8	3	0	5	14	16	9
Tunbridge Wells	8	1	2	5	9	16	5
Aylesbury	8	1	2	5	9	19	5
Lewes	8	1	2	5	8	23	5
O M/Whitgiftians	8	1	1	6	12	19	4
Bevendeans	8	1	1	6	7	21	4
Amersham	8	1	1	6	9	24	4

HAMPSHIRE CUP: Winchester 4, Basingstoke 38.

CLUB MATCH: Pinner and Grammarians 3 Old Parmerians 36.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal Canadiens 7, Detroit Red Wings 2.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Los Angeles Rams 23, *Chicago Bears 3.*

ICE SKATING

JAGA, Spain: World Professional Figure Skating Championships: Dances: 1, J Coyne and M Sall (Can), 39pts; 2, H Cesler and G Inghalaere (Fr), 38.1; 3, R Peyasot and N Jeccard (Switz), 36. Men: 1, G Beacom (Can), 69.85pts; 2, M Dostanal (US), 68.84; 3, B Lisoski (Can), 68.68. Women: 1, K Paradis (Can), 68.77pts; 2, A Krawtte (US), 68.43; 3, J Brault (Can), 68.43. Pairs: 1, I Jenkins and T Solomons (GB), 69.47pts; 2, A Paul and T Pagano (US), 68.86; 3, F Sweding and A Hartshown (US), 68.81.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Newbridge 35, Monmouthshire 0.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Caterham 18, Monkton Combe 26; Mill Hill 9, Scots School, Bomurs 8; St Edward's, Oxford 9, Cheltenham 8; Downside 9, Brundeils 18; Wimbledon College 16, King's Wimbledon 9; Durham 13, Ellesmere College 20.

SQUASH

LONDONDERRY CUP: Cranbrook 2, Eastbourne College 3.

AMERICAN EXPRESS PREMIER LEAGUE: Colorfactory Nottingham 2, GT Sports Abbeystide 3; Pommiface Whitelane 3, Embassy Edgbaston Priory 2.

TENNIS

FINAL ATP RANKINGS: 1, M Wilander (Swe), 6,243pts; 2, B Becker (WG), 5,822; 3, S Edberg (Swe), 5,212; 4, I Iandi (Cz), 4,747; 5, A Agassi (US), 4,528; 6, J Hlasek (Switz), 3,248; 7, H Leconte (Fr), 3,213; 8, T Mayotte (US), 2,869; 9, J Connors (US), 2,868; 10, K Carlsson (Swe), 2,822.

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Bookmakers under fire at Gimcrack dinner

By Michael Seely
Racing Correspondent

The mounting dissatisfaction in racing against the bookmakers' refusal to agree to the 28th Levy Scheme was further underlined in speeches at the Gimcrack Dinner in York last night, both by Anthony Budge, owner of the winner of the Gimcrack Stakes this year, and by Lord Fairhaven, senior steward of the Jockey Club.

Budge, the chairman of a Nottinghamshire civil engineering and construction firm, and a race sponsor, in a hard-hitting and well-researched speech, highlighted the wide gap between the enormous profit made by the major bookmakers and the low level of return allocated to the industry from the nation's betting.

"The greater problem is surely that when £10 million is bet off-course each day, a horse can still race for a first prize of less than £1,000 – and this is when the whole bookmaking industry is up in arms over a total levy of £30 million. The racing division of one single company made £62 million."

On the other hand, as Budge went on to point out, "the Tote had a turnover of £146 million and an operating surplus of £7.1 million, of which no less than £3.1 million was ploughed back into racing. Surely this is an example to the bookmakers, who are baulking at paying a levy of 0.9 per cent when the Tote is already effectively paying over 2.0 per cent. Elsewhere in the world it is 3 per cent of turnover. If the British levy was set at 2 per cent, it would make competition more equal between the Tote and the bookmakers and transform the prospects for the sport."

The present dispute concerns £2.3 million. The Levy Board wishes to see the levy pegged at its current rate of 0.88 per cent; the bookmakers, on the other hand, because of increased turnover due to Satellite television and a new method of assessing their turnover, wish to see it reduced to 0.82 per cent.

The low level of prize-money has been directly responsible for competent trainers such as John Winter, Ray Laing and Nicky Vigors giving up their livelihood. Discussing this and the knock-on effects of poor prize-money on wages, Budge went on: "Stable lads are the stalwarts of the industry, but you cannot get the best from any team if a significant number of the workforce are low paid, and work long, arduous and anti-social hours and cannot afford to buy decent accommodation. Even a one-bedroom flat in Lambourn costs over £60,000, and therefore many stable lads are required to live in accommodation that would not be acceptable to our construction workers."

Budge then poured scorn on the bookmakers' constant complaints about the poor rate of return on betting. "I noted the comments of the public relations manager of one of the major bookmakers after the Alec Stewart speech. He said, 'Why are the bookmakers always blamed for this state of affairs – we only make 10 or 12 per cent profit before tax.' Well, I have news for him, the average for the construction industry is between three and four per cent pre-tax, out of which we all have to make the investments in craft and management training and the necessary capital expenditure to secure our future."

Budge also noted the weakness in the power structure of racing, whereby control is split between the Levy Board, the Jockey Club and individual racecourses.

"The bookmakers' views have naturally become firmly entrenched with the passage of time. To an extent the same comments may still be said regarding the Jockey Club. I say this, because, whilst the administration of racing protects its integrity, it simply has no effective say or control in the future selling and presentation of the sport to a wider public."

He commented: "Surely the Jockey Club, instead of just concerning themselves in the administration of the sport, could begin to look much further outward and possibly promote the sport by using professional staff whose salaries would effectively be paid by the levy. Cannot younger people like the Edward Gillespies and Mark Kershaws of this world play a vital role at the centre of racing and throughout racing, rather than just concentrating on particular aspects."



Budge: attacked levy

Budge also suggested that the Jockey Club should take a leaf out of the Football League's book by charging a copyright fee for the declared list of runners at race meetings. He also considered it essential that the 40 per cent share-holding in Satellite Information Services, which still remains to be allocated, should fall into the right hands.

"From an owner's perspective, the SIS franchise should have been operated by an outside body to both safeguard the integrity of the sport and maximize the potential revenues for the good of the whole industry in this age of instant satellite communications.

"However, it is vital that the 40 per cent goes to truly independent hands...Lord Newall called last week for the Jockey Club to get together to buy the remaining 40 per cent of SIS to influence what is shown in betting shops and to protect the industry's future income from on-course betting. I agree – why not?"

In his traditional "state of the nation" speech, Lord Fairhaven once again underlined the Jockey Club's determination to stand firmly behind the Horserace Betting Levy Board in its negotiations with the bookmakers, which are now in deadlock and which have been referred to the Home Secretary for arbitration.

"There is a real danger that without a proper return from the betting industry's leviable turnover, it will be difficult to sustain our present position, let alone invest in the future. The Jockey Club is therefore preparing a submission on racing's behalf in conjunction with the Horseracing Advisory Council which will shortly be presented to the Home Office.

"So many advances have been made in recent years that the sport now provides the betting industry with a highly marketable product. Let no one have any illusions about this – pay no attention to talk of begging bowls, subsidies or handouts – this is a commercial arrangement. Racing produces a product; and the betting industry buys it. I can assure you that our statement to the Home Office will make very clear what we believe a proper price should be."

For some time, the industry has been calling for further prize-money winning opportunities for owners, trainers and all those involved in the sport, particularly in the middle and lower tiers. "The stewards are acutely aware of the frustration felt by owners of less able horses whose successes receive little financial recognition. As a result, we are aiming for prize-money in the lower tier to be increased, so that a horse which wins three races of any sort – Flat, steeplechase or hurdle – should cover its training fees and associated costs. In order that this should not put the whole framework out of balance, extra funds will also have to be found for the middle and upper tiers. The whole package will require a very substantial sum of money."

Lord Fairhaven revealed that "subject to the availability of new money, the fixture list in 1990 will be increased by up to 30 fixtures (Flat and jump) and by a further 30 in 1991. It is possible that more may still be introduced in 1992. The details will be issued in due course, but I believe these new opportunities, spread throughout the country, will be of immense benefit to both trainers and the public. They also represent a major step forward in the technical administration of racing."

Smith forges the link to create Oxford's control

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Oxford University 27
Cambridge University ... 7

If ever a match had "Made in Australia" stamped all the way through, it was the 107th University match at Twickenham yesterday.

Oxford recovered the Bowring Bowl in a contest which, magnificently refereed, lived up to every expectation and was won by the side which ultimately exerted greater control of the ball and rubbed in remorselessly their every scoring chance.

The greatest control, before a crowd of 52,000, was exercised by Smith, Oxford's Australian stand-off half. He scored two tries in the win by two goals, three tries and a dropped goal to a try and a dropped goal. It was their greatest margin of victory since 1909 and the first time for 22 years that the scoreline has not included a penalty.

Cambridge found it impossible to cut off Smith's link with Egerton, his compatriot, which proved so creative for Oxford, whereas Oxford's defence seldom gave the powerful Hall space in which to play.

In the closing stages, when victory was assured, the Dark Blues' tackling remained outstanding, even under the sternest pressure when Wainwright and Glasgow both went close.

Oxford seized the game immediately after half-time, when they led only 8-7 and they had lost Willis, their tight-head prop, with an injured ankle.

Ian Williams brought a splendid tackle out of Buzza and Vessey was stopped just short. Smith cleaned up a messy lineout and sent Evans dodging to the line for the try which, with Smith's conversion, gave Oxford a vital seven-point cushion.

Thereafter, whatever Cambridge tried they could not escape. Their game is dependent upon the most delicate touch in the back division and yesterday the passes were ill-timed and ill-directed.

They could scarcely complain about the sad withdrawal, in the morning, of Macdonald, their 6ft 8in Scottish lock, with damaged ankle ligaments, so well did his colleagues play. The match was 15 minutes old before Wainwright won Cambridge's first lineout ball, but they ended in credit by 22-17.

They rucked well too, notably in the first half when they faced the wind, but Oxford's – I nearly said Australia's – first-time tackling and cover defence were impervious to everything but Buzza's feint from a five-metre scrum which gave Glasgow time and space to cruise in for the try which gave Cambridge the lead for the second time, Adrian Davies's dropped goal having opened the scoring.

In between, Smith scored his first try, though much of the credit belonged to Egerton. He broke the tackles of Hall and Graham Davies before Smith drove his compact frame beneath three tacklers and skidded into the corner.

Before the interval, Smith's long switch pass gave Egerton space to put up a high kick to the line which he pursued, in Australian Rules style, to leap and force the ball down.

Clive Norling took his time awarding that try but his judgement, notably in the playing of the advantage law, was exemplary. He had, of course, two sides happy to play rugby, as opposed to the snarling, snapping divisional teams on display at the weekend at Gloucester.

Of those two sides, Oxford drove home their every scoring opportunity as Cambridge tired in a match where the pace was even more sustained than usual.

Evans popped over a dropped goal and Cambridge badly needed the encouragement of the only penalty attempt at goal of the match, by Sutton (there were only nine penalty awards of any kind throughout, eight of them to Cambridge). It curled wide and when Cambridge kicked poorly out of defence, Smith pursued his own kick ahead and was rewarded with the touchdown.

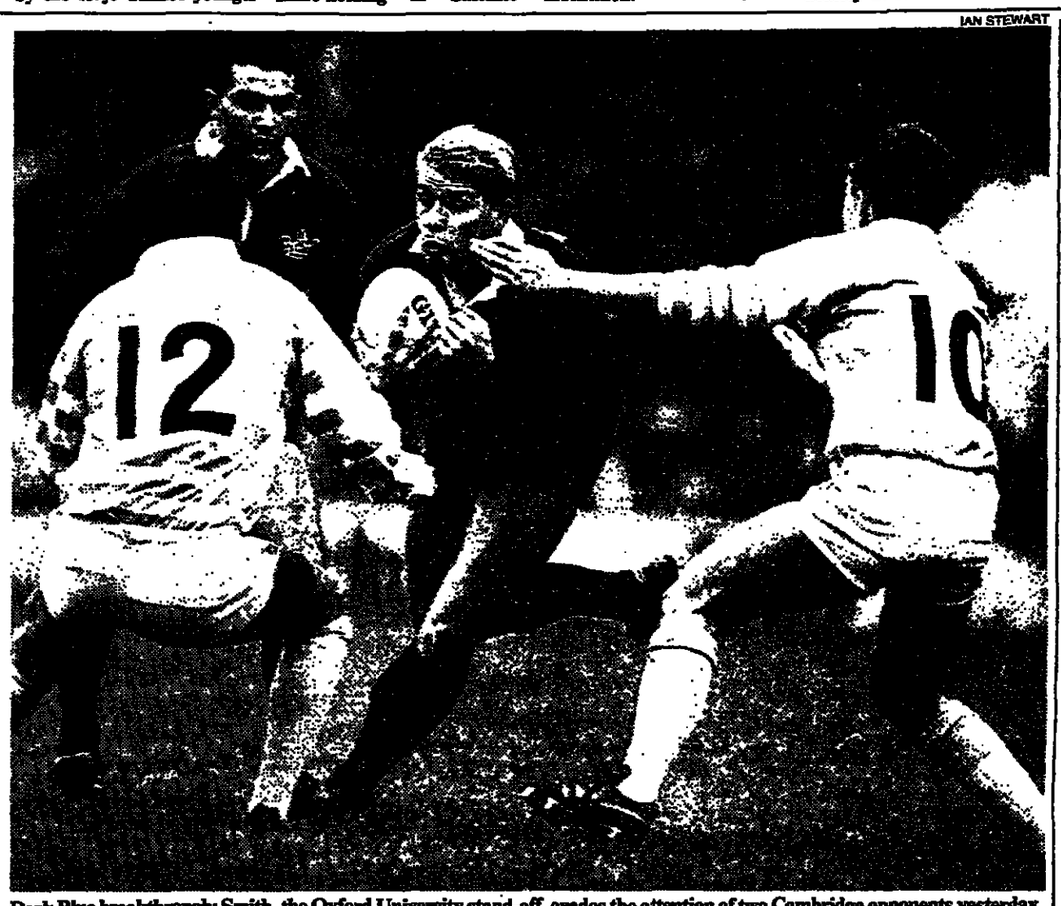
Ian Williams, one of three of the diverse family of Williams to get on to the field, always a menace, left the field concussed for Cook to earn his Blue and, within three minutes, the final try. Cambridge lost lineout possession and Smith, purposeful as ever, turned their error into Oxford profit.

SCORERS: Oxford University: Tries: Smith (2), Egerton, Evans, Cook. Conversions: Smith (2). Dropped goal: Evans. Cambridge University: Try: Glasgow. Dropped goal: A Davies.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: R H Egerton (Manet, Canberra, and University); I M Williams (Epping HS, Sydney, and St Catherine's; rep: D J Cook, St John's Leatherhead and Christ Church), M E O Brown (Diocesan College, Cape Town, and Worcester), D W Evans (Aberdare CS and St Anne's), S J R Vessey (Magdalen College School and Green, capt); B A Smith (Brisbane State High and St Anne's), D E Kirk (Wanganui Collegiate and Worcester); A D Williams (Fishguard CS and St Anne's), E R Norwitz (SA Collegiate and University), T G Willis (Wellington College and St Edmund Hall; rep: S R Williams, Calday Grange GS and Lincoln), T Coker (St Paul's, Brisbane, and Lady Margaret Hall), W M C Stileman (Wellington College and Wycliffe), S C Wensley (Bishop of Llandaff and Wadham), A J Cameron (Knox GS, Sydney, and University), M S Egan (Terenure College, Dublin, and St Anne's).

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: A J Buzza (Redruth CS and Hughes Hall; rep: A J Tunningley, CSGS Wakefield and Downing); I C Glasgow (Dollar Academy and Magdalene), M R Hall (Brynteg CS and Wolfson), A Davies (Pencoed CS and Robinson), G Davies (Pencoed CS and Magdalene); A J Sutton (Llanishen HS and Magdalene), M E Hancock (Hewersham GS and Hughes Hall); J Foster (Magdalen College School and Robinson), J Ashworth (George Fox, Lancaster, and Homerton), S A Wardley (Queen Mary's GS, Walsall, and Downing), S S Bryant (Sherborne and Hughes Hall), M Vickerstaff (Bishop Vesey's GS and Selwyn), J J Cake (Worthing Vth Form College and Corpus Christi), I N I Wainwright (Glenalmond and Magdalene), C B Vyvyan (Downside and Wolfson).
Referee: C Norling (Wales).

IAN STEWART



Dark Blue breakthrough: Smith, the Oxford University stand-off, evades the attention of two Cambridge opponents yesterday

Vessey savours record by turning the tables

Rupert Vessey, the Oxford captain who made a record-equalling fifth appearance in the University match, cast his mind back to the 32-6 defeat he suffered in his first game at Twickenham.

He said: "I remember going home to my flat in Oxford and feeling pretty desperate for the next few days after that match. It was nice to turn the tables because that was the worst possible beginning to my career with Oxford."

He said that Smith had taken time to settle in the team, but had come good when it mattered. "Brian has the ideal big-match temperament. He really showed what he is capable of today."

Mark Hancock, the Cambridge captain, said his team was not despondent at losing an exciting match.

"We have achieved a lot this term, and it was enjoyable to play in such a fast game. We made mistakes in try-scoring positions, mistakes that have not happened in similar situations this term. That was our only disappointment."

Both captains paid tribute to the contribution of the referee, Clive Norling.

Vessey said: "I'm not just saying this because the result went our way. I thought he was just fantastic. He was by far the best referee I have had in my five Varsity matches."

Loss of identity cards not automatic after ejection

By John Goodbody

The Government has accepted that football supporters who have been ejected from grounds will not automatically lose their identity cards when the controversial membership scheme is introduced next season.

Instead, they will have the right of appeal according to the laws of natural justice.

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, also told a meeting with representatives of the supporters in London yesterday that the Government wants them to have "smart" cards, which will be particularly receptive to high technology, linked to a central computer. Each is likely to cost £9 for three seasons.

The Government, which is now expected to introduce after Christmas the Bill forcing football supporters to carry identity cards, is still considering details of the scheme outlined in a report of the Minister for Sport's working party and published last month. A small group of Conservative MPs will help the minister in promoting the Bill which will transform football in England and is expected to lead to a drop in attendances at least in the early stages.

Yesterday's meeting attended by Moynihan, three backbench Tory MPs, including David Evans, the chairman of Luton, and representatives of the Football Supporters' Association (FSA) and the National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs, lasted only just over an hour.

But it was long enough for the Minister to express the government's absolute determination not to be weakened on introducing the scheme. Moynihan said: "Football authorities and supporters will eventualy realise that the scheme is in the interests of the game and will in no way deter people from going to matches.

"The scheme will not only separate the hooligans from the true supporters but David Evans believes that it could well get us back into Europe."

Craig Brewin, the secretary of the Football Supporters' Association, said afterwards: "The Minister is 100 per cent in favour of the scheme. We are very concerned about the financial aspects, particularly as some clubs estimate there will be a 25 per cent drop in attendances and also that at busy games there is expected to be congestion at the entrances. Even the Police Federation has criticised it."

Brewin said the Association would launch a massive campaign including distributing leaflets at grounds against the scheme. "When the Bill is produced then the campaign will really take off."

Alistair Burt, MP for Bury North, who is one of the small group of Tory MPs who will help Moynihan, said: "There are a number of options to be considered. Many details have yet to be completed before the Bill is introduced."

Officials of the FSA are heartened by the massive support they have had from fans, all of whom they claim are opposed to the introduction of the scheme. A recent meeting in Liverpool attracted 250 people, none of whom wanted it to be introduced.

QPR aim for deal over Smith

Queen's Park Rangers are willing to accept the Brazilian player, Mirandinha, if Newcastle are unwilling to pay £250,000 in compensation for signing Jim Smith as their manager.

The chairman, Richard Thompson, who yesterday rejected Newcastle's first offer of £150,000, confirmed that he would like to see the St James' Park forward move to Loftus Road.

He is prepared to offer Newcastle a cash inducement. "It would be interesting if they were prepared to discuss it, and we might be prepared to pay them, say, £50,000 if they valued Mirandinha at £300,000," Thompson said.

Thompson will have further talks with the Newcastle chairman, Gordon McKeag, to discuss payment for Smith's move with 30 months of his Rangers contract still to run.

Meanwhile, the QPR coach, Peter Shreeve, has been put in temporary charge of the team.

● Bobby Saxton, the former Blackburn and York manager, is poised to become the No. 2 to Smith.

END COLUMN

Ipswich import a Soviet player

By Louise Taylor

Sergei Baltacha yesterday became the first Soviet footballer to join an English club. Baltacha, aged 30, a defender with Dynamo Kiev, signed a six-month contract with Ipswich Town of the second division.

The transfer fee is believed to be £150,000, payable to the Soviet Sports Committee, but Baltacha will not be able to enjoy all the sweet life of Suffolk. Under Soviet law, he will be allowed to earn a maximum of £200 a month – perhaps £1,000 less than the average salary at Portman Road.

Leading Soviet sportsmen were prevented from exploiting their talent in the West until Zavarov was allowed to join Juventus after the European championship in West Germany in June. He was followed by Dassayev joining Seville and Khidyatulin going to Toulouse.

Baltacha has won 41 international caps and has been instrumental in helping Dynamo Kiev win the Soviet championship four times during his 10 years with the club.

The only obstacle to Baltacha appearing for Ipswich now is that the club must still secure a work permit. This is expected to be a formality as they enjoy the support of Michael Irvine, a local MP.

Although Baltacha's pay will be restricted, the East Anglian club plan to boost his income with perks, including a free house and car. It is not yet clear whether he will be accompanied by his wife and daughter or when he will arrive.

Deal for Baltacha may be extended

John Duncan, the Ipswich manager who negotiated the deal in Moscow this week, is confident that the effort and expense involved in pursuing Baltacha will prove worthwhile. "Altough he speaks only a little German besides Russian, he thinks he can quickly pick up enough English to see him through," Duncan said yesterday.

If events on and off the field progress well, it is expected that the Soviet Sports Committee will grant an extension to Baltacha's contract which expires at the end of the season. By then Ipswich supporters will hope he will have plugged a frail defence which only last week was pierced six times by Aston Villa in a Littlewoods Cup tie.

Baltacha could even be joined by another former Dynamo Kiev player at Portman Road. Vladimir Bessonov, a long-standing Soviet international defender, is also talking to Duncan about the possibility of a move.

Ipswich were among the first clubs to import players over a decade ago when they signed Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen from the Netherlands, while Romeo Zondervan, another Dutch representative, upholds the tradition. He welcomed Baltacha's impending arrival yesterday. "It is great news for Ipswich. We need a central defender and I know that the manager went out to the European Championship and was impressed with the Russians," Zondervan said. "He will have to adapt to a different football system in England, but when he settles he may teach us something."

Wilander to lead Swedes in Davis Cup

Stockholm (Reuter) – Mats Wilander, who was officially named as the world champion yesterday, and Stefan Edberg, the Wimbledon champion, will head Sweden for their sixth consecutive Davis Cup final against West Germany from December 16 to 18.

Hans Olsson, the non-playing captain, said he had faced a difficult choice before deciding to include Anders Jarryd and Kent Carlsson, the clay-court specialist. "My real headache was whether to select Jarryd or Mikael Pernfors," Olsson said. The final will be indoors on clay in Gothenburg.

Wilander has already supplied some off-court flavour. Married to a South African, he has threatened to boycott the final if Swedish television fails to provide domestic coverage. There are anti-apartheid pressures on Becker after his refusal to apologize and have his name taken from a United Nations blacklist

SPORT IN BRIEF

Alderman recalled

Perth (AP) – Terry Alderman, the Australian cricketer who was banned from first-class cricket for two years for playing in South Africa, has been recalled for the third Test match against West Indies, which starts in Melbourne on Christmas Eve.

AUSTRALIAN SQUAD: A R Border (capt), G R Marsh, T M Alderman, D C Boon, A I C Dodemaide, I A Healy, M G Hughes, D M Jones, C J McDermott, P L Taylor, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, G M Wood.

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Final frontier

The finalists for the two-man British team in the 1989 Camel Trophy off-road endurance test through the Amazon Basin have been named after four days of strenuous driving on Hawley Common in Surrey. They are: Duncan Mansfield, Bob Ives, Simon Day and David Walkley. The final selection trial will take place on the Canary Islands in February.



Alderman: back in favour

Colour change

The Cricketers' Association – the players' union – will back plans to introduce white balls, black sight-screens and coloured clothing in a domestic limited-overs competition when the matter is discussed at the Test and County Cricket Board meeting this week.

Light relief

Newcastle United have loaned Stockton, of the Northern League, some floodlighting bulbs so that their FA Trophy replay against Whitby Town can go ahead tonight.

The last leg

Toshihiko Seko, of Japan, who won the 1986 London marathon, will retire after running the last leg for the Japanese team in an international road relay race on December 18.

Curry defends

Donald Curry, of the United States, will defend his World Boxing Council light-middleweight title against Rene Jacquot, of France, in Grenoble on February 11.

Khehar award

Sutinder Khehar, who made 60 appearances for the England hockey team between 1974 and 1982, has been awarded the Poundstretcher National League player-of-the-month award for November. Khehar, aged 36, came out of retirement to inspire the revival of Slough, who are now sixth in the league.

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